Spanish

control

delay for

Easter

flights

By Michael Horsnell EASTER holiday flights to

Spain and Portugal were subject to delays yesterday as Spanish air traffic controllers imposed restrictions as a safety precaution in the face of a record level of British holi-

Other delays were predicted as French flight planning staff

began industrial action today. The more than 110,000 passengers a day planning to fly from Heathrow during

Easter week were warned that

multi-million pound security developments will delay their

departure if they persist in carrying more than one item of hand luggage.

warned not to gift-wrap Easter presents, including Easter eggs, because they will all have

But those who opted to stay

at home because package holi-days were sold out were offered the solace of cheaper

petrol as they headed for the coast and beauty spots.

5p per gallon yesterday in time

for the Easter rush and could

signal a move to even lower prices by the summer. Both Shell and Fina announced

they were cutting pump prices

in line with large falls in the

cost of supplies from Rotter-

dam's spot market. Other oil

firms are expected to follow

suit to push average prices

As an extra reward for staying in Britain motorists

will find roadworks on most of

the national motorway net-

work have been suspended for

the Easter period in an at-

Nevertheless, in London and the South-East particu-

larly, motorists are warned to

Gloomy weather with fall-

ng temperatures and wide-

spread showers was forecast for most of the holiday.

Unperturbed by recent

disasters at sea, ferry bookings

are up, while demand for seats

on trains has forced British

Rail to reimpose its boarding

pass scheme on the busiest InterCity services from

tempt to ease congestion.

expect traffic blackspots.

below £2 a gallon.

Petrol prices began to fall by

Holidaymakers

Diplomatic dilemma over Iraq

MoD experts back 'super gun' theory

By Michael Evans, Robin Oakley and Stewart Tendler

night after Ministry of Defence experts confirmed that the heavy "oil piping" equipment seized at Teesport were sections of a huge artillery gun barrel bound for Iraq.

After a five-hour examination of the contents of eight crates offloaded from the merchant vessel, Gur Mariner, Mr Douglas Tweddle, Customs chief investigations officer, announced: "There is no question that it could be used as a barrel of a large artillery gun to fire a projectile of some considerable size.

"We're now satisfied that this equipment is covered by the Munitions List of the

Export of Goods Control Order 1989."

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British intelligence is believed to have established clear links between the 150ton gun barrel — which would be capable of firing nuclear and chemical shells hundreds of miles - and Dr Gerald Bull, a Canadian-born ballistics expert who was murdered in Brussels last month. Customs investigators believe Dr Bull

anay have designed it. The discovery and its ramifications will figure in talks today between Mrs Margaret Thatcher and Presi-dent Bush at their one-day summit in Bermuda. British sources there confirmed that the subject was in

explosive issue winch was far

Rapid move to reunification

East Germany's new coalition Government will pursue reunification "rapidly and responsibly" in accordance with Article 23 of West Germany's Basic Law which requires a referendum in the

This was announced by Herr Matthia Gehler, the govemment's spokesman, after the Volkskammer approved the new Cabiner.

The Government also envisages Nato membership by a united Germany. The two Germanies will start talks in East Berlin on a treaty to make the Deutschmark the common Page 7 Currency____

Problem lessons

Many primary schools are prevented from properly teaching mathematics, English and science as required under the National Curriculum because of severe staffing problems, a school inspectors report has said. But lessons have improved considerably smce last autumn Page 4

Yardley sale

SmithKline Beecham, the transatiantic healthcare group, has sold its Yardley cosmetics, Lentheric perfumes and Morny soaps to Old Bond Street Corporation of the US for £110 million Page 23

Dixon's call-up Lee Dixon, the Arsenal de-

lender, will play for England against Czechoslovakia on Wednesday week because of the unavailability of his three main rivals for the right back.

Cup tragedy

Ray Houghton, who was in his first season as a Liverpool player, recalls the FA Cup semi-final at Sheffield Wednesday's Hillsborough stadium last year, when 95 supporters lost their lives behind the barrier at the Leppings Lane end of the Page 36

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They emphasized that it was vital to take all possible measures to ensure that such countries as Iraq did not develop the ability to make nuclear armaments.

However, the Foreign Office admitted that events at Teesport would complicate Britain's relations with Iraq, which have been strained since the hanging of the journalist Mr Farzad Bazoft.

Ministers will want to do nothing to put the 2,000 British nationals in Iraq including Mrs Daphne Parish and Mr Ian Richter, who are in jail accused of spying - at risk, and last night the Foreign Office said there were no plans to call in the ambassador about the equipment.

Whitehall sources said the latest discovery was not in the same category as the incident two weeks ago when 40 items, described as nuclear trigger devices, were seized at Heathrow airport. That case in-volved an Iraqi national, Mr Omar Latif, who was sub-

sequently deported.

The ambassador, Dr Azmi
Shafiq Al-Salihi, yesterday
categorically denied that the tubes were part of a giant gun.
"We ordered this for petrochemical purposes," he said.

"We have so many of these pipes from England and so many deals, all openly done by telexes. We don't deal with our trade and commercial relations illegally at all.

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can buy from England a gun barrel after this huge campeign against my country? Could we date to buy weapons or something used to make weapons after the campaign waged against us?".

equipment was part of a gun were dismissed as part of a "feverish orchestrated campaign by British and Zionist circles" to create the right international chimate to enable Israel to launch another pre-emptive strike against the country's rapidly developing military industry. And Presi-dent Saddam Hussein told a US Senate delegation that Iraq would destroy its weapons for mass destruction if Israel

would do the same. The Ministry of Defence expert who examined the seized cargo yesterday found the barrel components were

BRITAIN was facing a from being shrugged off as a smooth and not rifled, but the diplomatic dilemma last bizarre inteclude. Shows which would join the flanges which would join the pieces were described as "machined to a high degree of

accuracy".

He would have checked the precise dimensions of the barrel to see whether it was thick enough to withstand the ballistic pressures required to fire shells, and also searched for signs of a breech mecha-nism for firing the shells or-some attachment for one.

However, according to one expert, there was the possibility that the gun was designed to use liquid propellant. The complex fittings required would have been particularly

Liquid propellants for guns, rather than conventional explosives, have been under development across the world

Instead of one large explosion, liquid propellant is grad-ually introduced into the gun after ignition so that pressure is maintained as the projectile travels up the bore.

Greater speeds, and thus greater range, can be achieved. Acceleration is also smoother, cutting down the wear on the inside of the bore.

Investigators will also have to establish whether any individuals or companies knew what was happening and were aware of the law, or whether they were duped.

Officials will analyse documentation taken from the two companies involved in the rustion to find out how the was barrel ordered and under what sort of

Last night as the barrel parts were being removed to a storage centre, one of the companies under investigation held a crisis meeting to discuss the implications of the

Costoms statement. Sheffield Forgemasters earlier issued a statement protesting about the allegations that the tubes were armaments But in an interview quoted in Sheffield's evening news-paper, The Star, Mr Phillip Wright, the company's chief executive, said: "If this thing is part of a gun, then we, the DTI (Department of Trade and Industry) and many other people have been victims of the biggest con job in the Continued on page 22, col 1

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Thatcher to fight US 'lame duck' image

From Robin Oakley, Political Editor, Hamilton, Bermuda

she is on trial at her summit terday, officials conceded: "It meeting with President Bush in Bermuda today from an American press corps excited by reports of poll tax and prison riots in Britain and by predictions that her domination of British politics is approaching its end, is clearly anxious not to be treated as a lame duck Prime Minister.

British sources were keen to emphasize that she was intending to fight on unbowed by her domestic problems and that she had climbed out of similar troughs in unpopularity before. The new tone in the American press was shrugged off as: "They build you up and they knock you down." As

MRS Thatcher, conscious that she landed in Bermuda yesis rough, but we have had it before."

Poll tax riots were dismissed as the work of anarchists and revolutionaries. The latest rise in inflation was shrugged off as fully anticipated, with the acknowledgement that it would get worse before it got better.

The indications last night were that the meeting between President Bush and Mrs Thatcher will be the most amicable yet of their six encounters since he became President.

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Rising inflation fuels higher wage demands

By Coliz Narbrough and Nicholas Wood

persistent and rising inflation is fuelling wage demands when the Government was hoping for slower pay growth. The Government has been urging wase negotiators to

moderate their demands if they wish to avoid a rise in memployment. Whitehall figures published yesterday, however, showed average earnings rising by an annual 9.5 per cent in February. The rise from 9.25 per cent comes in spite of an evident

slowdown in the economy and signs that falling unemployment will soon be at an end. As Mr John Major, the Chancellor, forecast in the Budget, inflation has renewed

AVERAGE earnings have its rise, surging to an annual started to climb again after rate of 8.1 per cent last month holding steady for four on the retail price index – the months, confirming fears that highest since last July – from 7.5 per cent the month before. This takes it close to last year's inflation peak of 8.3 per cent.

With the effects of the poll tax and scheduled price rises for electricity, water and gas due to surface in this month's RPI data, the inflation rate is expected to climb past 9.5 per

figures showed that inflation Mr Michael Howard, the

rates, showed a worrying rise too, moving up from 6.2 per highest since February 1983.

The underlying inflation rate, which excluded mortgage cent to 6.3 per cent — the

Mr John Smith, the Shadow

Chancellor, said the latest

creases, would undermine the

competitiveness of employers and cause a loss in jobs. Labour market data ves-

British economy".

Secretary of State for Employ-

ment, said on BBC radio's

World at One programme that

the latest reduction in un-

employment — the 44th

consecutive monthly drop -

was testimony to the "contin-

uing basic strength of the

The danger was that a

combination of excessive

wage settlements, not

matched by productivity in-

terday showed unemployment falling by a seasonally ad-iusted 6,800 last month to 1.603,600, or 5.6 per cent of the workforce.

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Stewart vetoes Gower comeback

From Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent, St John's, Antigua DAVID Gower yesterday Barbados. He was asked on came within half an hour of Wednesday evening if he felt

returning to the England team for the fifth and final Test match against West Indies here -- eight months after he had been dismissed as captain. I understand that Allan

Lamb, the acting captain, wanted Gower in his team; but Micky Stewart, the team manager, insisted it would be wrong for him to replace a fit member of the original party. Gower has batted only twice since last summer. He covered the first three Tests for The Times before joining his new

prepared to play. He told Lamb that he was, but half an hour before the start of play he learnt he had been left out. He said: "I was nervous but having got myself worked up

to doing it, I am a bit disappointed But I can well see their problem in dropping one of the regular guys." England batted first and progressed steadily, despite losing Stewart, Larkins and Bailey. At tea they had scored 145 for 3.

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David Gower: "I can see

We were duped, admits left-behind Marchais



From Philip Jacobson

BAITING the ageing leader of the French Communist Party, M Georges René Louis Marchais, has long been a popular bloodsport in certain quarters here, much encouraged by his own inability to keep quiet when the going gets tricky. It was entirely in character. then, for the man to shoot himself painfully in the foot in the act of promoting his latest book live on nationwide television.

M Marchais was invited to explain why his party (which has suffered a calamitons loss of support) had stuck to the Moscow line in the face of overwhelming evidence that the Soviet Union and much of Eastern Europe was one great prison camp. Why were the French Communists - over whom he has exercised from control for almost two

decades - among the last in Western Europe to accept, officially at least, that the system was rotten to the core? Ah well, said M Marchais, apparently

unfazed, the truth is that leaders of the Communist bloc had been grievously misleading us. "We were duped," he said, gazing steadfastly into the cameras recording the moment for the programme l'Heure de Verité. All those fraternal visits; all those

excruciatingly tedious speeches in praise of famous tyrants, It was an honest istake, he appeared to be argoing. Nobody should now lay the blame at his door simply because he had believed everything he was told, M Marchais continued plaintively, suddenly a rather less imposing figure than the Great Helmsman who has not hestitated to purge would-be reformers from his

Then it was time to bite the bullet.

"The form of socialism put into effect until now in the countries of the East, even if there have been benefits, has failed."

This was the first occasion on which M Marchais, who turns 70 in June, had ventured into a television studio since the political upheavals began in Eastern Europe late last year - and he may wish he had stayed away. The instant he appeared, there must have been viewers all over France thinking he's had his face lifted. As far as could be seen, the familiar rugged features, a godsend to cartoonists, bore barely a wrinkle: no extra chins, no deepening of the bags beneath the deep-set eyes.

All in all, meat and drink to France's conservative press, which moved in for the kill. "Either the Communist leadership was blind, or they were imbeciles," was the rough judgement of Le Quotidien de Paris.

of staff' By Quentin Cowdry THE Government is being warned by independent prison watchdogs" that staff shortages are undermining regimes

A number of annual reports by boards of visitors, sent to the Home Secretary, say that lack of staff is forcing governors to keep inmates in cells longer than necessary.

At Strangeways jail in Manchester, meanwhile, the siege entered its 13th day.

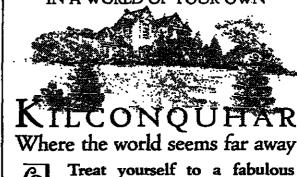
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Another seasonal problem and increasing tensions. arose when North Surrey Wat-

er Company advised their customers to boil drinking water even though it is likely to be safe. Exceptionally fine weather and low rainfall has allowed large quantities of algae to form in the River Thames, thus reducing the efficiency of water treatment.

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was intensified yesterday by Iraq is now developing deadly Pak, south of Baghdad. biological weapons, including arms that can spread anthrax, typhoid and cholera bacteria

and viruses over a wide area. Weapons experts said that shells to spread the diseases could, in theory, be fired from the type of giant gun whose components were seized in Britain disguised as equipment for iraq's petrochemical

Quoting US intelligence sources, the American television network NBC said that

piling material for germ warmacabre reports from Ameri- fare at a modern laboratory can intelligence analysts that near the village of Salman

> The complex was said to be fitted with equipment supplied from western Europe.

The report, which was being treated seriously by intelli-gence experts, based in the Middle East, from other Nato countries, quoted officials of Agency and the Pentagon, which maintained that Iraq's new germ warfare capabilities "could endanger whole cities

in the Middle East". To back up the report,

The small Customs target

team examined several of the

Teesport dockside on Monday

night. What they saw inside

gun. Operation Bertha -

named after Big Bertha, the First World War German

The watch was maintained

on the dockside but no action

was taken until Wednesday

when export agents presented

documentation for the con-

Unfortunately for the Cus-

toms, however, news of the discovery leaked to the

Middlesborough Evening Ga-

zette. Customs did not want

equipment as gun parts.

TURKEY

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GC 45

alibre 155mm

Barrel length 6.975m Range 20 miles

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Breach would have to be

immensely strong, to contain pressure generated by charge large enough to drive a

howitzer - was thus born.

Small operation with big target

OPERATION Bertha lasted been on special alert since the only five days. It was very different from the 18-month discovery of the alleged Iraqi plot to fly 40 nuclear capacioint US/British Customs investigation, codenamed Operation Argos, which uncov-ered an alleged plot to smuggle crates in a warehouse on the 40 nuclear trigger devices from Heathrow to Baghdad two weeks ago. heavy pipes were not con-nected with the oil business

Codenames for undercover operations are normally selected before investigations start. Operation Argos was a

longstanding codename. Bertha was chosen as the codename for the Middlesbrough operation only after a small team of Customs officers had secretly opened a number of crates from the Bahamas-registered merchant vessel, Gur Mariner, at Teesport in Middlesbrough. The crates were marked "Republic of Iraq, Ministry for Industries and Minerals, Petrochemical Project, Baghdad."

The team involved was of highly experienced Customs experts who are trained to uncover illegal arms exports and banned high technology computer equipment bound for the Soviet Union.

Customs bave four of these strategic equipment "target teams", led by Mr Pat Blackshaw, assistant chief investigations officer, who was in charge of the investigation into the latest shipment to

The inquiry began on Monday, not because of a tip off from the Security Service, but because normal Customs over a consignment of equip-ment for Iraq. Customs had modern artillery systems.

Assembly

massive

task

By Our Defence Correspondent

The Iraqis would have faced

huge technical problems in trying to assemble a gan with a

40-metre barrel, according to

The barrel would need

extensive support to avoid

"droop", and to send a shell

several hundred miles the

breech would have to be able to

withstand enormous pressure.

Germans developed similar artillery guns that relied on

massive pylons and often huge

concrete emplacements to

One of the most famous

German guns of the Second World War was the Hoch-

druckpumpe (HDP) which was located near Calais and

fired shells at 4,500ft per

second at London. But the 150

yard barrel, made up of sepa-rate pieces joined together, frequently cracked under pres-

sure. The damaged sections were being replaced con-

tinually. Sufficient pressure was built

up to launch the shells more

m 85 miles with the help of

In the two world wars, the

experts yesterday.

ANXIETY in the Middle East Iraq was producing and stock- which confirmed claims by Israeli military sources, NBC showed a satellite picture of what it claimed is the Iraqi biological weapons production facility, complete with an

area for animal experiments. Combined with recent allegations of Iraq striving to dev-clop chemical and nuclear weapons capabilities, the new disclosures of its military ambitions are thought to inthe Central Intelligence crease the chance of a preemptive strike or sabotage by

> "There comes a point when the Israelis are going to feel that world opinion is so appalled by what President Saddam Hussein [of Iraq] is up to that it gives them at least moral support for such an a European envoy

NBC disclosed that the US Centre for Disease Control, a US government agency, unwittingly added to Iraq's stockpile of viruses in 1985 when it sent Baghdad three shipments of West Nile Fever, a deadly virus that can be developed for germ weapons.

Despite denials by Iraq, Western experts believe that Iraqi research into the type of germ warfare alleged by NBC has been in progress for more than two years.

convinced them that the It is understood that the US has been reluctant to make a public protest until it feels it but were sections of a huge can reveal evidence without compromising intelligence sources. US officials have hinted strongly that a typhoid outbreak among Kurdish rebels fighting the Iraqis might have been caused by the release of a biological agent.

Iraq was widely condemned for use of poison gas against its Kurdish minority, said to have resulted in 5,000 deaths. It was also accused of using chemical weapons against Iran in the eight-year Gulf

any information made public until a Ministry of Defence The NBC report, apparently compiled with co-operation expert had identified the from the US intelligence community, is the first expo-Confronted by the evening paper, Customs had to consure of Iraq's biological weapons drive during the current crisis over Middle East arms firm that a consignment had been detained. Although they development, which began had to wait 24 hours for a Ministry of Defence team to when President Hussein threatened to destroy half of arrive, the Customs officials Israel with chemical weapons remained convinced that a 40 if subject to a nuclear attack.

Range of GC 45

20 miles approx

750 miles

metre-long gun was sitting in Describing the latest evi-dence of Iraq's efforts to deveight crates on Berth Seven at elop weaponry for biological However, until the MoD warfare, a Western military team agreed with their assessexpert said yesterday: "I hope ment, doubt remained if only it has given people another because of the sheer size of the chance to realize the nightmare that could develop in the Middle East if a binding peace settlement is not achieved."

SAUDI ARABIA



A lone prisoner gazes down from the devastated roof of Strangeways yesterday

Coroner fears for mentally ill offenders

By Quentin Cowdry, Home Affairs Correspondent

Sir Montague Levine urged the Home Office to review the way acute psychiatric emergencies were handled and to investigate to what extent people could be directly committed from police stations to hospital.

He also called for an urgent review of how offenders suffering psychiatric problems were generally treated in

His recommendations came after the jury at Southwark Coroner's Court returned a verdict that Mr Germain Alexander, aged 58, who fell ill at Brixton prison, south London, last December, died of natural causes aggravated by lack of care.

During the nine-day hear-ing, Sir Montague had voiced concern that a court had remanded Mr Alexander, of Edmonton, north London, in custody without knowing his long history of mental illness. He was also told that a doctor had not examined him in the prison hospital when he collapsed after being forcibly moved into a strip-cell. Prison officers had, instead, tele-

phoned a doctor for advice. During the inquest it was alleged that Mr Alexander, who had been arrested for assaulting police officers, had been beaten first by policemen and later by Brixton prison unacceptable way."

tendency for many officers. The post mortem mentally disturbed people examination showed that he accused of minor offences to had suffered a fractured spine be held in jail rather than and that two teeth had been committed to hospitals was knocked into the back of his questioned by a coroner throat. His body was covered with dozens of bruises and ndus! holid

Dr Vesna Djurovic, who conducted the examination. said the injuries had not been fatal. Mr Alexander had died of acute cardiac arrest, but she said the spinal injury had probably arisen from "severe pressure to the back", possibly

applied by a knee. Police and prison officers denied they had punched or knelf on Mr Alexander, saying they had used only approve "control and restraint"

In his summing up, Sir Montague reminded the jury that the police had made no record of the fact that Mr Alexander had been admitted to mental hospital four times previously. It had also emerged that it was "extremely difficult" for police to "get a person into mental hospital at meht".

After the hearing, Miss Vera Alexander, Mr Alexander's daughter, described the verdict as a condemnation of police and prison officers.

In a statement read out by the family's solicitor, she said: "My father should have been treated properly as a patient in a mental hospital. Unfortunately, he was imprisoned and denied treatment and immediately before his death, he was treated in a wholly

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dealing with prison problems. Mr Donald Hills, the board's former

often to be closed through lack of staff. More criticism about staffing is made by Glen Parva's board of visitors, which says that every effort has been made at the jail to economize on officer time since May 1987 when the Fresh Start agreement was

chairman who compiled the report,

said yesterday that workshops had

Staff shortages fuelling prison tension, reports say

By Our Home Affairs Correspondent

MINISTERS were warned by independent prison "watchdogs" yes-terday that staff shortages were fuelling tensions in jails.

The warnings, contained in the latest annual reports of prison boards of visitors, were revealed as the "occupation" at Strangeways jail in Manchester entered its 13th day, with staff apparently still determined to end the protest pescefully.

The Home Office said it believed

that there were "less than 15" protesters still holding out. Staff voiced the hope that lack of food and water for the inmates would shortly bring their action to an end.

At Swansea prison in West Glamorgan a 17-hour siege by two teenage inmates, who barricaded themselves in a cell, ended without violence when the prisoners surrendered.

Mr Waddington, it has emerged, has been told by boards of visitors that regimes at two of the jails hit by the recent prison riots are being undermined by staff shortages. At

both Bristol prison and Glen Parva young offenders institution, near Leicester, shortages mean that prisoners are spending unnecessarily long periods in their cells, boards claim.

The Home Office has denied that there is serious undermanning, though it has drafted in an extra 200 prison officers to help to reduce the stress" being felt by staff.

The report on Bristol prison, where wing was seriously damaged last Sunday night when 450 inmates rioted, criticizes the Government for an alleged "lack of purpose" in

struck between prison officers and management.

Letters, page 9

New management team turned £60m losses into profit

has turned losses of more than a pre-tax profit of £5 million. £60 million into profits during the past five years.

The company was formed in 1982 by the British Steel River Don business and the Johnson and Firth Brown Group, and made the losses in its first three years.

Added problems were caused by a 16-week strike ailing and its performance the over changes introduced by the management brought in at the beginning of 1985 to turn

round the company. For the five months up to

Ship still on charter to Iragis

THE Gur Mariner was bought by its Panamanian owners at the beginning of April, while the vessel was on charter to the Iraqi Maritime Organization (Mark Souster writes).

It was previously named the Natasha II and was owned by the Natasha II Marine Company of Piraeus, Greece. The change of ownership

and name was registered with the Lloyds Register of Ship-ping on April 2. The Gur Mariner, built in 1978 and with a dead weight of 15,765 tonnes, is now owned by Azahara Maritime Inc of Panama, and registered in Nassau, the Bahamas.

Its managers, Jay Ships of London, confirmed yesterday that the vessel was still on charter to the Iragis. The cargo's insurers are not

over £100 million, manufacturing some of the most advanced aerospace steels and alloys of any European steelmaker.

> over is generated by products which ultimately are sent overseas. In an article in Defence Industry Digest last year, Mr Des Kavanagh, the company divisional chief executive,

Almost two-thirds of turn-

Workers at the company are

Forgemasters was one of

at present on strike over pay.

four inint-venture communies

set up by the British Steel

Corporation and the private

sector under the Phoenix pro-

gramme for rationalizing the

steel industry. It was the most

However, a new manage-ment team, led by Mr Phillip

Wright, the chief executive,

set it on the road to recovery.

In 1988, the company was the target of a £26 million

It employs more than 2,500

people and has a turnover of

management buyout.

most disastrous.

said that the group wanted to advance from a base of producing rocket motor casings and torpedo tube doors, plus a stake in almost every UK aerospace programme, into a broader area of defence activities. Central to those plans was

its big £14 million forging machine, one of only two in the world.

In the same article, Mr Wright criticized the Government for failing to understand "anything outside of value for money" on particular deals, with the company suffering under Whitehall's purchasing

Capped councils launch test case over poll tax

challenge is the Government's use of the standard spending

assessment as its principle

criteria for charge-capping

for all capped authorities. We are advised that we have a

good prospect of success as the

Secretary of State has not

exercised his discretion

The standard spending

assessments, the amount the

Government thinks councils

ought to be spending, were based on predictions that

inflation would be around 4

per cent. Councils all over the

country have described the

assessments as unfair because

they are based on false infla-

Lawyers acting for the coun-

cils are also examining the criteria used by Mr Chris

Patten, the Secretary of State, to pick out those who were

capped and could prepare a court case on the basis of

"unfairness". Meanwhile the

authority from which eighteen

Conservative councillors re-

signed the party whip over the

poll tax is considering not collecting that part of the

charge which goes into the Government's safety net.

West Oxfordshire coun-

cillors and officers agreed

yesterday that the safety net.

aimed at protecting areas

where rates used to be low

from high charges, has been miscalculated for their area.

Mr Neil Robson, the coun-

cil's Chief Executive and Trea-

surer, has written to the Prime

Minister asking for a re-

assessement and if the council

can stop collecting the £47 per

head safety net contribution until the figures have been

"The implementation of the

safety net has gone wrong. The

formula used does not apply

to West Oxfordshire where the

average rateable value was

£118, far below the £160

average for England and

Wales. We should be a re-

ceiver from the safety net not a contributor," Mr Robson

Police are hunting a poll tax

confidence trickster who is

examined.

said

tion figures.

according to the law."

"Our action will be crucial

local councils.

By Ray Chancy

THE first of the 21 councils to of Labour-controlled have its community charge Hammerswith and Fulham, capped by the Government said: "The basis for our legal has applied to the High Court challenge is the Government's for a judicial review of the

The application from the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham is likely to be a test case and has been adjourned until April 24 to allow the Department of the Environment to prepare for the hearing.

The other 20 authorities are considering legal action and an announcement is expected after a council leaders meeting next week.

Mr Mike Goodman, leader

Irish plan to restore post office

By Edward Gorman Irish Affairs Correspondent

THE Irish government is to spend £1 million restoring the General Post Office building in Dublin after an architect's report disclosed that the stonework is becoming anstable as a result of British shelling 74 years ago.

The Post Office was gutted by fire during the abortive Easter Rising against the British by Irish rebels led by Patrick Pearse who declared a republic on Easter Monday

The Post Office in O'Connell Street - the pillars on the front of which still bear bullet holes — was chosen by Pearse as the headquarters for the uprising. However, after five days, with the British closing in and

the city in flames, Pearse surrendered. Some 550 people were dead, and 2,000 wounded. Although the newly in-

dependent state began the restoration of the 1818 building in 1929, the Irish Post Office said yesterday a further £l million of work was needed.

Architects had found that the fire had heated quartz in the granite causing the façade to become unstable.

A spokesman said: "This is the most important architectural and historic building in Dublin and the government has decided to grant us the money from National Lottery funds for the work."

Derbyshire firm on police chief

The dispute over the Home John Weselby as Chief Con-stable of Derbyshire intensified yesterday (Craig Seton writes).

A committee of members of the Labour-controlled police authority refused to withdraw its decision to appoint him, reconfirmed its offer, and asked for an urgent meeting with Mr David Waddington, the Home Secretary.

The Home Office denied yesterday that its decision was political, but no official reason has been given for its action.

Mr Weselby, aged 52, the deputy chief constable, has been acting chief constable since February, when the Home Office first refused to endorse his name on a shortlist of candidates for the post.

Radiation study

Evidence supporting a theory that some children develop leukaemia because of the effects of radiation on their fathers' sperm is published today in the British Medical Journal. It says serious consideration must be given to the possibility that radiation could cause mutagenic changes in sperm.

Kidnap inquiry

Police in Belfast are investigating a kidnapping in which a family reportedly paid a five-figure sum for the safe return of their 15-year-old daughter. Police said she was abducted by armed men from her home in west Belfast last weekend. She is thought to have been held for several hours. -- «

£148,500 bronze

A 17th century brouze inspired by Giambologna which was bought for about £120 at an antique market 15 years ago made £148,500 at Soth-eby's in London yesterday. The Hercules had stood neglected in a Welsh garden until the owners read of a similar discovery last December.

CORRECTIONS

Mother Teresa was been in Skopje, now Yugoslavia, then Albania, not Armenia, as stated in our article yesteniay.

not £2 million as stated...

a series of charges that were known but Lloyds of London detonated in separate breeches said the insurance would be which ran up each side of the Barrel of this length would have to be supported to avoid "droop" invalid because of contravenbarrel "like a fishbone". tion of customs regulations. Oldest law enforcers move into spotlight

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ARTIST IMPRESSION OF THE IRAC! SUPER GUN

By Stewart Tendler **Crime Correspondent**

THE oldest law enforcement agency in the country, the Customs and Excise service, which is at the centre of the Iraqi gun investigation, has moved in the past decade from a tacitum organization into one with a highly-polished public image.

The heroes of BBC Television's fivon-the wall series The Duty Men come from a service that was created by King John in 1203. It has had a chequered history.

In the 17th century Customs officials were ordered to pay Nell Gwyn, mistress of Charles II, £500 from their takings - an estimated £250,000 in today's value. In the next century they were often involved in violent

bacco smugglers. Now they are a vital defence against drug traffickers, earning the reputation of a fair and incorruptible service with a powerful intelligence network envied by many detectives. They were fighting the traffickers when police either avoided the problem or did not see the notential risk.

asserted themselves in drugs investigations, the two organizations have sometimes been unhappy bedfellows with disputes and rivalry.

In the past decade as police have

There are 26,000 Customs staff compared with a police service in England and Wales of more than 120,000 officers backed by thousands of support staff. Customs officers are

members of the Civil Service, unarmed and equipped with powers to arrest and detain. Customs equipment includes fast patrol boats, high technology and computerization including the Cedric intelligence system.

Until recently all entry to the Customs service was via the Civil Service, but now the Customs administrators are experimenting with direct entry to the investigation branch for recruits with previous experience in the Armed Forces. The basic entry requirement is four

O levels at the age of 18 with an annual salary of between £6,715 to £6,994, plus overtime, as an executive officer. Starting salary for a London policeman is £12,000 plus benefits. After seven years the Customs

officer's salary reaches £11,632-£12,115. The officer may for example work as a uniformed officer in the Preventive Branch monitoring traffic at the ports and airports.

After three years' experience he or she could join the 900 staff of the investigation and intelligence branches. Graded on entry as higher executive officers, the officers earn no overtime but a flat rate of £19,729-£19,556 a year. The investigation branches include

specialist teams in cocaine, heroin and cannabis smuggling Common Agricultural Policy fraud, VAT fraud; general areas such pornography smuggling and the high technology and strategic team which was called into

1. Phints

The Bristol Old Vic's studio preying on worried pensioners in the Cradley Heath area of theatre, not the Old Vic itself Sandwell, West Midlands, by as indicated in early editions on Wednesday, is temporarily closed. The Half Moon Thecalling at their homes, claiming to be from Sandwell Council and demanding their atre, London, needs about £500,000 to prevent closure. £420 poll tax payments on the

TRAVEL AND WEATHER

Industrial action may delay some holiday flights

at French airports.

Showers were forecast for

almost everywhere by today, some heavy, with temperatures falling to a maximum of 14°C in the South-

east and 8°C or 9°C in north

Tomorrow is expected to be

drier for a time with tem-peratures close to average before the return of the rain.

Showers are predicted for almost everywhere on Mon-

day and Tuesday with what the weather forecasters described as a fairly cool

Despite the gloomy fore-cast, seaside resorts, zoos, theme parks and seasonal

events at home are expected to

be as popular as ever with

As the build-up on the roads

began shortly after luncheon yesterday the AA said, how-

ever, that most roadworks had

been lifted for the holiday

period and as many lanes as

By Michael Dynes Transport Correspondent

ROADWORKS on most of

the national motorway net-work have been suspended for

the Easter period in an at-tempt to ease holiday traffic

congestion, AA Roadwatch announced yesterday.

In London and the South-

warned to expect traffic

blackspots at the Dartford

tunnel, the A33 Winchester

bypass, the M1 northbound,

the M4 westbound, the Ray-

leigh Weir roundabout on the

A127, and the M25 London

Windsor Safari Park, Thor-

pe Park, Surrey, and the Chessington World of Adven-

tures are likely to be popular

weekend venues. The Classic

Car Show, Olympia; the Inter-

national Music Festival,

Wembley, the Easter Parade,

Battersea Park; and the Nel-

son Mandela concert, Wem-

bley, are expected to cause

In the Midlands and East

Anglia, road works will con-

tinue on the A46 from Thorpe

on the Hill to the Lincoln bypass, the A435 and A4104

in Hereford and Worcester,

the A4540 on the Birmingham

middle ring road and the A429 at Wellesbourne in War-

The Midlands Festival of

Transport, Shropshire; racing

at Towcester, Southwell, Her-

eford, Uttoxeter, Nottingham,

Market Rasen, and Warwick, along with the World Super-bike Championships at Don-

nington Park, are likely to

In the West Country, road-

works will remain in progress

on the A4 in Wiltshire, while

the A36 from Salisbury to

Warminster, and the A419 from Swindon to Circucester

are expected to be very busy.

The West of England Inter-

national Boat Show, Bristol, is

also likely to cause severe

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THE SPOTS TO AVOID

traffic causing long queues.

GIFT-WRAPPED Easter eggs Flights to Spain and Portogal and seasonal industrial action are likely to be delayed by m by flight planners are likely to to an hour because of restric-.. bring travel misery to thou-

, Travellers were advised yesterday not to wrap even Easter eggs if they want to avoid long ation Authority gave a warn-delays at amport security as ing that in France flight record numbers of holidayakers take to the skies. today which could hamper

The warning was given by Mr Alan Proctor, managing director of Heathrow airport, as the airport prepared to handle at least 110,000 pasengers each day of Easter

"Security is tighter than ever and Heathrow has inrested millions in more secnrity manpower and equipment to speed passengers' progress from check-in to the aircraft," he said.

find the sun, however, as the London Weather Centre pre-dicted a gloomy weekend at home with falling "But at peak times it may take longer. This is why we are appealing for passengers' help. Don't wrap Easter gifts; even Easter eggs are screened."

PRICES

Cuts of 5p a gallon in cost of petrol

By Kevin Eason Motoring Correspondent

PETROL prices started to fall by 5p per gallon yesterday in time for the Easter rush to the roads and could signal a move to even lower prices by the

Both Shell and Fina announced that they were cutting pump prices in line with large falls in the cost of supplies from the main

Rotterdam spot market. Other oil companies are expected to follow suit to bring average prices below the £2-a-gallon mark for four star petrol. New prices are expected to average 199.6p per gallon (43.9p per litre) for four star, 186p (40.9p per litre) for

unleaded and 194p (42.7p per litre) for super unleaded. Texaco, with 1,400 petrol stations, said it would reflect any price falls immediately at local forecourts. A full decision on its pricing position would be made next week.

Mr Roger Colomb, Texaco managing director, said: "It will be difficult to make a decision over Easter although our stations will be charging prices competitive with those around them. That will mean lower prices. We have said that we charge pump prices which reflect our wholesale costs and that is what is

happening at the moment." Shell said it would take until Tuesday to have all forecourts alerted although many forecourts would already be cutting prices.

Pump prices rose by about 16p a gallon (3.5p per litre) after the 9p duty increase in in the March Budget and extra increases to cover rises in crude oil costs.

Rotterdam prices, however, have dropped \$16 a ton - the equivalent of 3p a gallon — and are expected to drop further with high stocks reported around the world.

Radiation

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Oil analysts do not expect a collapse in oil prices because of high demand and cutbacks in production. There could, however, be a sustained period of weakness in crude prices, allowing oil companies leeway to cut petrol prices further over the next few

Shell added: "There are no clear indications of the long-term position yet but we will want to move sensibly over the next few weeks."

The sudden fall in petrol prices comes two weeks after Shell first reacted to a surge in the cost of crude oil in Rotterdam, forcing other oil companies to follow the lead through the sensitive £2, a congestion. The A40 and the gallon barrier.

possible were open. Motorists were quencing at ports for ferry sailings, Scalink reported are likely to be delayed by up tions imposed by Spanish air a 25 per cent increase in traffic controllers as a safety

The company's Irish Sea Meanwhile the Civil Avi- and Newhaven-Dieppe services were virtually full but there was space on the Doverplanning staff were embarking Calais, Folkestone-Boulogne on industrial action from 4am and Harwich-Hook of Holland routes, although would-be passengers were advised to be passengers were advis check before setting off. ground movements of aircraft

P&O European Ferries said Some flights from the UK that because of heavy bookwere held up by technical ings no day trips are advised today or on Monday. Pasproblems, the worst being a British Airways flight from Gatwick to Barbados, due to possible delays at . Calais take off last night after a 12because of a damaged berth.

With rail travel also ex-Jet-setters, when they manage to get away, are likely to be the only holidaymakers to

pected to be at a record level British Rail is repeating its boarding card scheme, in-troduced at Christmas, on 135 of the busiest InterCity services from London. No one without a boarding

pass will be able to board trains, thus spreading peak demand and ensuring seats for

Some rail passengers could face travel problems, how-

in Birmingham while London's Liverpool Street will be closed from early today until 5.30am on Tuesday for large-scale track replacement as part of the station's £1.1 billion redevelopment plan. Trains to the station will terminate at Stratford and Seven Sisters.

 Noting the early appearance of frogspawn in his garden pond, rooks building nests high in the trees and spiders spinning long strands to their webs, Bill Foggitt, the cele-brated amateur weather forecaster, yesterday predicted a "pretty good" summer.

Easter events, pages 19-20

wolds and the Forest of Dean,

are also expected to be popular

Ilchester to to South Petherton

bypass is likely to cause traffic

iams and the A4, A46, and

A370 in Avon are expected to

throughout the holiday

Heavy traffic is also ex-

pected in Wales, particularly on the A55 between St Asaph

and Holywell, the A5 between

Llangollen and Corwen, the

A466 on the Wye Valley

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holiday destinations.

Motorway roadworks suspended

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delays are likely.

Lancashire.

SCOTLAND: No

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A5, and the A493, where

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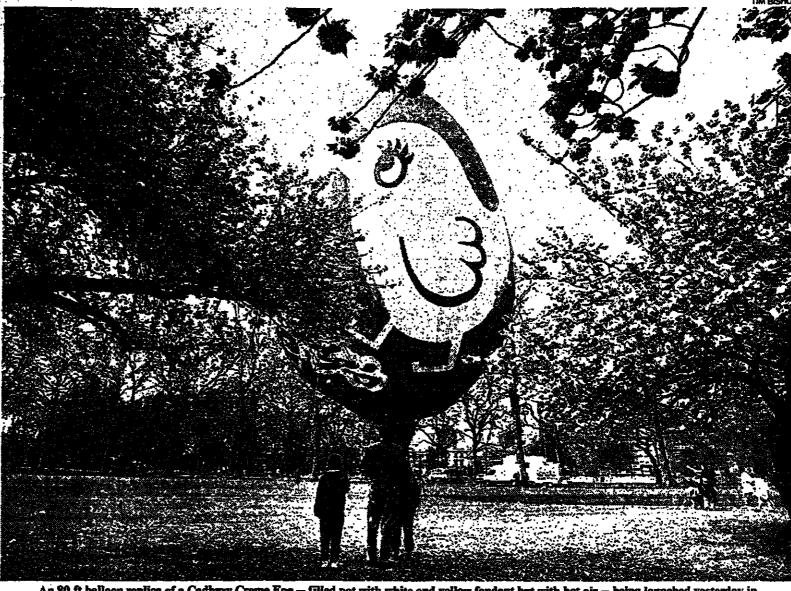
traflows on the M61 in

Racing at Carlisle and

Wetherby, the Manchester Motorshow, Stockport Circus,

A429 to Oxfordshire, along and Barry Island. with key-routes to the Cots-

Helping hands for launch of 80ft flying egg



An 80 ft balloon replica of a Cadbury Creme Egg — filled not with white and yellow fondant but with hot air — being launched yesterday in Battersea Park, London. This Easter, Cadbury has distributed almost 89,000 of the eggs to children in care through five children's charities

MAUNDY MONEY

Touts try to cash in on Royal gift

THE tight security at yesterday's Maundy Thursday service at St Nicholas's Cathedral, Newcastle upon Tyne, protected not only the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh but also shielded the recipients of the Royal Maundy Money from the touts who try each year to buy

The 128 people who received Maundy Money were advised about touts beforehand and afterwards were escorted by police to a reception. However, a dealer with Intercoin in Newcastle said he knew

nd Barry Island. ton, Skegness Scooter Rally Temporary 24-hour traffic and the Embassy World

lights will be in operation at Snooker Championships in

road works on the A468, the Sheffield are also likely to A472, the A4233, the A44, the cause congestion on local

In the North, motorists can as holiday makers attempted

delays".

expect contraflows on the to beat the long traffic queues

The AA reported an early start to the rush hour last night

Motorists were urged to

expect traffic jams, to be prepared for extended periods

of confinement in their ve-

hicles and to make sure ve-

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prevent unnecessary break-

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of someone who had already bought two sets. Collectors will pay £70 for a set of contemporary coins and up to £500 for a set from William and Mary's reign.

A gold set of Maundy Money from 1953, the first year the present Queen's head appeared on the coins, fetched £5,200 at auction in 1985. A standard set from that year sold for £187 in 1988.

However, Mr Mark Rasmussen, of the coin specialists Spink and Son, said the trade was a minute part of the coin business. "Most people keep their coins in the family and there is usually a 15 to-20 year gap between receipt and sale." Although the monarch has distributed

coins on Maundy Thursday since 1213 it is difficult to identify Maundy Money before the 18th century because money in normal circulation was used then. The number of recipients and the

amount of money distributed is governed by the age of the monarch. The Queen is 64 and so yesterday 64 men and 64 women received 64p of silver coins in red and white pouches.

RABBIT BOUNTY Islanders put price

on growing menace By John Young

EASTER bunnies or not, this either. But the authorities, live in the Shetland Islands.

a bounty of 25p for every - or poor bomb aiming.

The incident is said to ers. Under the scheme inspired the hit song Run "counters" would be ap- Rabbit Run. pointed for each district, empowered to give out vouchers Shetland rabbits was shortto be exchanged for cash.

For obscure ecological reasons rabbits abound in the ters has allowed the rabbits to treeless, windy open spaces of increase so that they are now a the Shetlands, although they have not enjoyed an easy run. livelihood.

They were, for instance, the first official air raid casualties

will not be a happy weekend sensing a propaganda coup, for rabbits, at any rate if they shot a number of rabbits ive in the Shetland Islands. which they placed in bomb
The islands' council is craters and photographed as considering proposals to offer evidence of Jerry heartlessness

The incident is said to have

The heroic status of the lived.

A succession of mild winserious menace to the crofters'

Ferrets brought in to cull the rabbits have proved more of World War Two, when the interested in attacking live-Germans attempted to bomb stock and attempts to sell the the seaplane base at Sullom carcasses for southern dinner Voe and missed. The bombs tables foundered on the anidid not in fact kill any rabbits mals' stringiness.

MOORS ON FIRE

Walkers warned as grouse land blazes

A WALL of fire, driven by the fected. Curlew and other wind faster than a man can ground-nesting birds also took run, has destroyed nearly six off ahead of the flames. square miles of grouse moor at Coverdale, pear Leyburn,

North Yorkshire. More than 60 firemen yesterday directed millions of blaze spreading to forestry on

the edge of Wensleydale. It was the third day that fire had spread across tinder-dry fully tended heather.

Grouse on the moor, owned by Lord Downshire, were are like a tinder box."
driven from their nests. Land The fire, driven by agents said that shooting in knot wind, created a seven-August would be badly af-mile pall of smoke.

Mr John Melanaphy, di-

visional fire commander with the North Yorkshire fire service, said that the cause of the blaze was under investigation, gallons of water to prevent the but the moors around the Yorkshire Dales were all in a dangerous condition after a long spell of dry weather. He said: "I would ask

moorland, reducing to ash anyone going out on to the more than 600 acres of care-moors over Easter to take enormous care, especially if the weather is fine. Large areas

The fire, driven by a 20-

FRIDAY 13th

Just time to sneak in a virus or two

By David Young

COMPUTER users could return from this Bank holiday weekend to find that a series of time bombs, logic bombs, Trojan horses, core wars or even worms lie in wait for them, triggered last night as the calendar turned to Friday

The last time Friday fell on the 13th computer viruses struck the Royal National Institute for the Blind and the computer at Mid-Glamorgan Council where they threatened thousands of financial files before being wiped out.

However, there are fears that the result of Friday the 13th falling on a Bank holiday could mean that more bugs, punched into computer programmes by mischievous enthusiasts or embittered past employees, could turn up and damage sensitive and vital information, and be given a free weekend to breed.

The phenomenon, first noticed in the United States, has spread around the world, particularly when enthusiasts make copies of software packages. Software manufacturers often protect their copyright by inserting a virus or bug into their programme which is activated only when the programme is illegally copied several times.

Mr Bill McCool, of the. National Computing Centre, said: "The more indiscriminately and the more often a programme is put in the more. chance there is of catching a virus from it."

The viruses can cause displayed data to behave un-predictably. Stored infor-mation can be unexpectedly modified or destroyed, and,. more seriously, some systems which operate safety equipment could be sabotaged.

The time-bomb is a piece of illicit software that is activated by the computer clock, to initiate a fraud, disruption; or some other pre-planned mischief. The logic-bomb is similar but is activated by a series of events.

The Trojan horse is a coding illicitly entered into an apparently normal programme but which is activated at random. Viruses are illegal codes which can reproduce and spread from one part of a computer to another, and which can change to give different problems for the computer operator. The National Computer Centre has found that some viruses are little more than a nuisance, but that others could threaten a company's survival or the reliability of military systems.

Worms are related to Troian horses and were developed 10 years ago. Friendly worms can perform useful tasks within a programme but others can copy themselves on to other systems and can help Trojan horses to sabotage other programmes. Core wars are mischievous programmes which can attack each other.

The answer to the problem, as some computer systems managers in the City of London who handle programmes which transfer millions of pounds a minute have found, is quite simple.

Just remove the 13th from the calendar and tell the computer that the day after the 12th is the first of two

EASTER RESCUE ATTEMPT

Water music fails to lure porpoise back to the open sea

DOCKY the porpoise is alive, well and ignoring the blandishments of even a flute-playing scuba diver in his determination to stay put in his unlikely new home: inside the lock.

gates of King George's Dock, Hull. North Sea ferries may plough in and out of the port and divers have attempted all manner of musical and other ploys to entice him back

yesterday and decided that an ... to it quite remarkably. appeal to his stomach might be the

North Sea.

contentedly in Bridlington Bay.

lively as an aquatic ferret," Dr Dobbs said. "The environment in

There are eas and flat fish in

gates, feeding in the backwash when the massive props stir up the bottom and disturb the fish, Although it is not natural for him to be in there, he could probably survive for quite a long time. But not indefinitely."

Because of this, about 50 divers in inflatables, among them volunteers from around the country answering an appeal by Mr Gravener, made the first determined effort to budge him earlier

First in the water, with his dry suit and flute, was Mr Owen Davies, a marine biologist who has built up a rapport while working with other cetaceans by playing his

nately, the porpoise must be tone deaf," Dr Dobbs said. "He took no notice at all." Next, the boats hung leaded ropes to the bottom to form a loose screen around Docky and gently drove him towards the sea. the state of the spring high tide and the co-operation of the Hull harbour authorities allowing both lock gates to be opened.

him within 10 yards of the gates but then he bolted back inside. We kept trying but eventually gave up."

Because Docky seemed to be attracted to the noise of engines, tactic number three was to form the boats into a flotilla. Slowly they drove Docky seawards but, again,

success seemed in sight. Yesterday, Dr Dobbs and Mr

Gravener were negotiating with the captain of a commercial dive boat undergoing maintenance in the dock. "We hope that the divers will be able to get into the water every day and build up a relationship with the porpoise.

"If we can get him to the stage where he will take food - and normally they don't take to dead fish - then it will be possible eventually to lure him back to the sea with food," Dr Dobbs said. "It will be a long process, though.

At least, it seems his plight is not "As a last resort, we could try

netting him, but that would be

he fled back to the dock when traumatic and, given the way he whips about, not at all easy." ● A 70 million-year-old "Easter

egg" goes on display this weekend at a "Dinosaurs Alive" exhibition at the City Art Centre in Edinburgh. The egg, which is insured for £50,000, belongs to the Hypselo-

saurus species of dinosaur, which was 12 ft tall and 50 ft long. The egg, which is one of the few

existing specimens to retain its original shape, was uncovered at Aix-en-Provence in southern France in the 1930s. It is being loaned by the Sandhill

Swilken Corporation of St Andrews, which bought it from a palaeontological specialist collector in Tucson, Arizona.

By David Sapsted

to the open sea. Docky has, however, refused to budge. Dr Horace Dobbs, director of International Dolphin Watch, and Mr Ray Gravener, director of British Divers Marine Life Rescue, visited the 5 ft porpoise again

only way to get him out of the there and, rather astutely, he music to them. On this occasion, harbour and through the twin set of follows the ferries as far as the dock alas, it was not to be. "Unfortudock gates. Over the Easter break, they hope divers will start to build up "a relationship" with the porpoise so he will eventually take food and can be lured into the

Docky, though, might have other ideas. He is thought to have been swept in on a storm several weeks ago, having been separated from a school of porpoises now splashing

"He seems quite happy and is as the dock is obviously not as hostile as we thought and he has adapted

this week.

"On the first occasion we got

desperate at the moment.

Successful drugs team wants more cash and less interference

BEHIND a scruffy doorway strewn with discarded cigarette ends in a busy Brighton shopping street lies the town's frontline in the battle against drug abuse.

The tiny sticker identifying it as the office of DAIS, the Drug Advice and Information Service, is barely noticeable. But up to 500 people come in each year for help.

For many the doorway leads to - a network of agencies working closely together and monitored by a co-ordinating system unique in Britain; and it is the high level of or co-ordination between counsel-~ ling, the drug dependency unit, half-way houses, probation service, police, social services, schools and colleges that makes

those offering services sceptical of the Home Office initiative announced during the ministerial drugs conference this week to fund a "drug prevention team" in the

Its role will be to monitor the effectiveness of facilities and projects and to develop new ideas.
Many fear, however, that it will
displicate a role already undertaken by the East Sussex Drugs Advisory Council.

Mrs Jane Brown, outreach worker at Level House, a half-way house for those off drugs, sums up the feeling of many. "There is a danger of developing an industry of monitoring, whereas what we really need is more help and funding at ground level." With seven places at Level

House for a community with 200 notified drug addicts and a total probably nearer 1,000, the priority should surely be to increase the facilities, she says. Brighton is well-served in its

fight against drug abuse by its own drug dependency unit under Dr Anthony Farrington (consultant psychiatrist in charge of drug dependency services for Brighton Health Authority), DAIS, Level House, a special unit for drug-taking families and a host of counselling services and voluntary support groups.

All are co-ordinated by the drugs advisory council set up by a forward-thinking county council which acknowledged that the drug problem did not fit neatly into the traditional pattern of council ser-

vices. With Brighton fourth in the national league table of heroin abuse, the county council opted to pool the "intelligence, efforts and esources" of all the bodies concerned.

"The advisory council has been immensely successful," Mrs Pauline Sinkins, the drugs project manager, said. "We have a properly integrated and co-ordinated policy. We have the same innovative approach to education.

"There are three people operating at primary secondary and further education levels informing children about drug dependency and drug abuse. And over 500 people from solicitors, GPs, magistrates and midwives to police officers and social workers have nassed through our courses on

drug abuse. So we now have many people competent to deal with the problem in all fields."

With such an effective net operating the Home Office team of four is likely to find its roles manned out for it when it arrives in Brighton.

Those working directly with drug abusers say, however, the need is not for greater co-ordination but for a specialist centre to deal with amphetamines, counselling services tailored to those addicted to tranquillizers and more half-way houses to give longer-term help to those who have given up the habit.

Mrs Jane McLoughlin, a conn-cillor with DAIS, said: "It is the hard drugs that make the headlines but there is a lot more that people never acknowledge such as women on tranquillizers. We need more help in dealing with the associated problems such as poor housing if we are really to be successful in beating drug dependency."

Mrs Brown would like some form of sheltered housing. Having just found a home for Barry, a former addict who had left Level House, she admits that often she can only place similar people in bed and breakfast accommodation where other residents are using

"It's terrific when you have a success like Barry, but often we cannot give as much help as we would want to. There needs to be a gentler way of getting people rehabilitated and into the community," she said. Most of those in Brighton who work in the field belong to various liaison groups or are on management committees of different projects.

"We all keep in touch naturally, not just through the East Sussex Drugs Advisory Council," Mrs Brown said . "Hopefully, we can impress the Home Office team

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really matters." East Sussex is producing a data base on drug addiction, only the second in the country. It will give a more accurate picture of the scale of the problem and form the basis of appeals to the Home Office team for more cash rather than what some view as ourcaucratic

and they will be sympathetic to

providing more funding where it

Teaching standards hit by lack of staff

By David Tytler, Education Editor

SEVERE staffing problems more teachers trained to teach "are preventing many primary schools from properly teaching mathematics, English and science lessons as legally required under the National Curriculum, according to the school inspectors..
In a report published yester-

pulsory from September 1989. have improved considerably since their report last autumn which found that many rschools were falling behind, particularly in science.

Even so, the report says: the legal requirements. -- Some schools were experi-Lencing severe staffing diffi-"culties which were hindering the sucessful implementation of the National Curriculum."

The improvements seen in 100 of the 500 schools orig-'inally inspected include more long-term planning; better topic work to ensure that it covered specific subjects: more detailed record-keeping; better use of attainment targets in planning lessons; and

Single science 'a bad basis for A levels'

THE controversial teaching of often emphasizing spoken lanscience as one subject rather guage and encouraging childthan as three courses does not provide an adequate basis for A level studies, according to a use was made of calculators report from the school inspecand in the third of classes with : tors (David Tytler writes). The report said that schools

... offering double-award courses which covered physics, biology and chemistry "laid a asound foundation for further study". Single award courses, however, were "inadequate" for A level sciences.

In 40 per cent of schools, ., pupils were offered either single or double award scisence. The less able pupils, and more boys than girls, chose the narrower single science

The introduction of "balanced science" has led to more science lessons putting greater pressure on school resources.

The inspectors said that more than a quarter of schools had insufficient laboratories and the accommodation was less than satisfactory in many

Significant shortages of apparatus and materials were found in a quarter of schools. national qualifications as well ... Four out of 10 were short of as A levels. Foreign students help from trained laboratory technicians, and many science departments were finding it decided. difficult to maintain adequate

Airways crew whose Boeing

747 jumbo jet almost hit a

hotel while trying to land at

The ruling, under which the

engineer are not allowed to fly

except under supervision, fol-

lows a British Airways' in-

vestigation which criticized

the crew for breaking com-

CAA to make public actions it

takes against pilots whose air

transport pilots' licences are

Captain Glenn Stewart, the

Heathrow airport.

oany rules.

two years seniority.

be made of the crew.

specific subjects. About two-thirds of lessons in the core subjects, mathematics, English and science, were satisfactory or better, with about a third of all lessons

chieving good standards. In a report published yester-day, they say, however, that ever, that some difficulties the lessons, which were com- still remain. Science lacks resources, although this was affecting only "a few" lessons: most schools were failing to assess pupils' progress; and staff in small schools were facing difficulties in meeting

> School governors who have been given more power in running schools under the Local Management of School legislation, which hands the day-to-day operation of schools to heads and their governors, were also critized.
> The report says: "Many headteachers reported that governing bodies were somewhat uncertain about their role in curriculum matters."

> Governors are beginning to provide more essential information for parents but annual meetings are poorly attended. In English, lessons failed where teachers set "undemanding tasks". The best lessons were well-organized,

ren to take part in debate. In mathematics, too little dards, lessons lacked a clear purpose and were not related to what children would be

expected to learn to achieve the legally required standards. In science, just over half the lessons were judged to be satisfactory or better and there was often "insufficient depth or structure" to lessons to ensure that the children ac-

tually learned anything. British schools could soon become "European colleges" with foreign students, under proposals disclosed yesterday. Kent County Council hopes that the initiative, if it gets the go-shead, will help children to

keep up with EC rivals. Teachers' leaders welcomed the move, thought to be the first of its kind, but said that it would need more thought.

Under the plan, 25 schools would be designated "Euro-pean schools" offering interwould also be involved but no further details have been

The aim is to broaden the stocks of equipment and curriculum in preparation for the single European market.

The aircraft, which was

landing with 255 passengers in

low cloud and fog last Novem-

ber, was not properly estab-

parallel Bath Road, narrowly

"The incident was caused

by the captain's failure to

recognize that the aircraft had

not stabilized on the localizer

beam of the instrument land-

operating procedures," the

The CAA added: "Con-

tributory factors were the

failure of the first officer and

form one powerful Caribbean

missing the Penta Hotel

Demotion for pilot

after near-miss

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

"THE Civil Aviation Authority and carried out a low go-formally "endorsed" the li-cences yesterday of the British missed approach procedure".

The ruling, under which the lished on the airport's captain is demoted to co-pilot navigational landing beacon

and the first officer and flight and instead roared down the

aircraft captain, resigned and ing system and to initiate a go-

his two fellow crew members around when he should have

were ordered by BA to lose done, in accordance with BA's

varied after investigations. On flight engineer adequately to

felt that the incident was so Loss-making airlines in the

serious that examples had to West Indies may meage to

- The CAA said yesterday carrier to prevent big inter-that the aircraft they were national "predators" such as

flying "departed from the British Airways, from swal-

extended runway centre-line lowing them up.

this occasion, however, it was monitor the flight path."

It is highly unusual for the CAA's report says.

Ex-patients barred from new home

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Water music: Rupert Bond struggles with his double bass on the long trip along Festival Pier from the Thames to dry land. Mr Bond and other members of the Docklands Sinfonietta had travelled by riverbus from east London for a rehearsal at the Queen Elizabeth Hall. The young orchestra makes it first appearance there on Tuesday

'lower than former psychiatric patients anywhere." could leave the community By Thomson Prentice Science Correspondent care programme in tatters, it was claimed yesterday.

The property developers, C & G Homes, had claimed that difficult for managers to close on the estate," a spokes-such use of the houses on a institutions and try to inte-woman said. "executive" estate in Bath would be in breach of covenants requiring them to be used as private homes.

Justice Ferris said the houses were not being used for moved into the houses at private housing. The residents were not related and they were two weeks ago. verv ditterent from "an ordinary family unit" occupying it suffered financially, and had a private dwelling house, he

Mr Andrew Wall, Bath district general manager, said the ambority was seeking legal advice, "but if this judgement if allowed to stand the Gov-

A HIGH Court ruling forbid-ding a health authority to use The policy would be meaning-the homes could not be used former patients did not conding a health authority to use The policy would be meaning-two new houses for eight less if this case can be bought

His view was echoed by the National Association of Health Authorities which said the decision could make it the interests of other residents grate former patients into normal housing. Six of the patients, who

have been discharged from Ruling in their favour, Mr Mendip Hospital, Wells, which is being closed down, The developer had claimed

had to drop the price of one house by £3,000 and make other concessions to another prospective buyer.

C and G Homes said it had not objected to the former patients being on the site, but to the health authority

for business purposes. The covenants on the estate were similar to those for estates throughout the country. "We felt obliged to protect

The authority had originally said the site would be used for locum doctors and their families. "If we had known they were going to change their mind, we would never have

first place," she said. which cost £160,000 and of State for Health, is consid-

ering the judgement,

stitute a family unit, even though they lived independently with no resident staff. What is an ordinary family unit, a couple with 2.4 child-ren? Does this mean that unless you are a part of an average family someone could take out an injunction against

you living next door?" Mr Philip Hunt, director of the National Association of Health Authorities, said: "The whole basis of community sold them the property in the care is that when mentally ill people are discharged they The judge ruled however should be able to lead a that the six residents in the normal family life. This de-

two four-bedroom houses cision puts that in jeopardy." Mr Hunt called for legisla-£200,000 would not have to tion "to make it clear that move out immediately pend- having a house in which there ing possible appeal. Mr might be two or three people Kenneth Clarke, the Secretary who have been discharged who have been discharged from hospital constitutes a family house and not an

Wapping inquiry naïve' says officer

The Police Complaints Au- gthority and Northampton police refused to comment yesterday on an attack by a senior Scotland Yard officer against the provincial force's investigation into Scotland Yard's handling of a rlot outside the News Inter-national plant in Wapping, east London, three years ago (Stewart Tendler writes).
Writing in Police Review,

Superintendent Leslie House, who was one of two officers in the Yard's control room at Wapping, accuses the investigation, supervised by the PCA, as "at best naive and at worst inept and incomplete". Mr House's article is the latest round in a long-running battle over the Yard's operation at Wapping and attempts to prosecute a number of

Antiques haul

Christ Church, Oxford, in 1988, has been found in a rubbish skip outside Oxford police station.

Colombian aged 29, and Patricia Mumford, 34, of Palmers Green, north London, were remanded in custody for a

M-way pile-up A dog which jumped from a car after the windscreen was

smashed on the M27 at Locks Heath, Hampshire, caused a pile-up involving 10 cars. The dog was killed by a motorcyclist who received back and arm injuries.

grant of £229 million to find a project to create 20,000 jobs in the East Midlands through training schemes, restoration of derelict land and help to

Mark Raker, a storekeeper,

was remanded on bail until May 22 by Trowbridge magistrates charged with stealing a rocket launcher and a smoke grenade from the School of Infantry in Warminster, Wiltshire.

Priest attacked pregnant woman

A ROMAN Catholic priest baby just before the attack.

Mrs Tracy Allsopp, man-ager of an abortion clinic, was punched to the ground as she tried to "rescue" a natient from the crowd. Mrs Allsopp, aged 27, who had just returned to work after a suspected miscarriage, told the demonstrators she was carrying a

United States. While only seven percent of lung cancer sufferers here survived for five years, the rates were between 10 per cent and 15 per cent in the US. For cervical cancer, which kills about 2,000 women a year in Britain, the survival rate was 58 per cent in England and Wales and 66 in the US.

UK cancer

survival

in US'

CANCER patients have a

significantly lower chance of survival in Britain than in the

United States, a leading

Professor Karol Sikora, of

Hammersmith Hospital, west

London, cited government re-

search findings to support a

claim he made last month that

several thousand cancer suff-

erers a year probably die un-

necessarily in Britain because

treatment services are badly

His initial comments were

criticized by some cancer spe-

cialists as unfounded and alar-

mist. Professor Sikora pointed

yesterday, however, to a rec-ent Office of Population Cen-

suses and Surveys (OPCS)

study which found that survi-

val rates in the United States

were "considerably better

than in England and Wales".

He also referred to a study

by the Royal College of Radiologists of radiotherapy services at 56 British cancer

centres. These showed "enor-

mous and worrying variations" in the time consul-

tants could spare to see

According to the OPCS

study, the proportion of men

surviving five years after dev-

eloping prostate cancer was 36

per cent in England and

Wales, and 65 per cent in the

patients, he said.

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specialist said yesterday.

The OPCS study said: "The considerably better survival rates of American cancer patients could be partly ascribed to earlier diagnosis and better treatment of these patients." The Department of Health said that the OPCS cancer survival figures in Britain and the US could reflect differences in the definition of Father Morrow: suspended cancer in the two countries.



sentence of three months

who attacked a pregnant A jury at Birmingham woman during an anti-abor- Crown Court found the protion protest received a suspended jail sentence morrow, aged 55, guilty of assault occasioning actual bodily harm. He was given a three-month iail sentence, sus-

pended for two years. Two other protesters, Barry Norman, aged 42, from Van-couver, Canada, and Tasmin Geach, aged 27, of Cambridge, were also given three month suspended jail sentences. The three were each ordered to pay £250 costs and £100 com-

pensation to Mrs Allsopp. The jury was told that Father Morrow, from Braemar, Aberdeenshire, mar-shalled a 50-strong group of anti-abortion demonstrators who laid siege to the Calthorne Nursing Home in Edgbaston, Birmingham, last November. Father Morrow was bound

over to keep the peace twice last year after demonstrations. He also admitted being convicted of conspiring to contravene a public order Act in January, and causing alarm or distress in February.

Twist of fate led to baby's storm death A BABY killed in her father's stack, but an independent arms by falling masonry was survey had shown that the

the victim of "a cruel twist of house was extremely exposed fate", an inquest was told to the elements, the inquest, at vesterday. Zoe McLaren, aged 11

months, died when a chimney collapsed on her as her father, Rolland McLaren, an Army sergeant, tried to carry her to have been built so high safety from his weather-dam- A London teacher was aged house at Azinmehur barracks, Colerne, Wiltshire, during a storm in January.

Sergeant McLaren fled with Zoe after a wall began swaying under a battering from 100mph winds, and bricks started crashing down the Mr John Elgar, the Wilt-

shire coroner, recording a verdict of accidental death on the baby, who died of brain injuries, said: "This was a very tragic death which was caused by a twist of fate. Zoe died as her father tried to take her away from the very danger that killed her."

A structural survey of the house last October had found that no work needed to be said: "The fencing would have carried out on the chimney acted like a sail."

Devizes, Wiltshire, was told.

Mr Geoffrey Stone, a consultant engineer, said that under present building regulations, the chimney would not crushed to death during Janu-

ary's gales by a 7 ft wall that supported fencing and had been erected without planning consent, an inquest at Southwark was told yesterday. Miss Caroline Chapman

aged 28, a teacher at St Saviour's Primary School, Herne Hill, died on January 25 at Lewisham Hospital after receiving multiple injuries. Sir Montague Levine, the coroner, recorded a verdict of

accidental death on Glasgowborn Miss Chapman, of Forest Hill, who was struck while waiting for a bus at Brockley Road, Brockley. Mr Robert Adams, a sur-

veyor with Lewisham council,

Strong stuff from tabloids of Aphrodisias stones. It sounded strangely familiar.

THERE really are sermons in stone, if you know how to look for them. The Classical Association, meeting at the University of Kent in Canterbury yesterday, learned some lapidary history from old stones at Aphrodisias.

Until recently you could pass as a respectable Classical scholar without ever having heard of Aphrodisias. Not any more, you can't. The international excavations at the old capital of Caria in south west Turkey (Augustus's favourite holiday resort) are discovering forgotten history in the wealth of inscriptions in this secluded place, rich in exquisite marble.

Mrs Charlotte Roueché, from King's College London, one of the epieraphic archaeologists working there, brought the latest news from the

After the great inflation of the third century AD, the measures to control it reduced the power and wealth of local government. The old classical education faded away, and was replaced by a new, profit-oriented and pragmatic curriculum, to train young men for jobs in the imperial civil service.

You have to keep your eyes open and your wits about you when reading inscriptions. They tell you only what they want you to know. They take a very positive attitude to the news. But if you read the stones carefully

you can see the town adopting Hellenized culture and politics, and renaming its Middle Eastern mother goddess as Aphrodite. Then the Christians come along and delete the pagan name of Aphrodite from the still named after her, and they still called themselves Aphrodisians. Then we read of the town becoming university and the brilliant

Aphrodisian sculptures of local worthics and international sages being set up in the gymnasium to encourage the lads. As on Eton's playing fields, Latin and Greek were inculcated in a rounded Classical education to produce mentes sanas in corporibus sanis. Christianity had little impact an educated man needed the old philosophical and rhetorical curriculum rather than the barbaric Greek of the gospels.

For one decade there are literary texts to support the numerous inscriptions and epigrams on stone. The spotlight illuminates the black past. There are two men called Asklepioinscriptions, although their town is dotos, one a pagen professor of

father. The bishop spikes a pagan's miraculous birth with the help of Isis. by putting it about in the tabloids that the baby had been secretly bought, not miraculously conceived.

Then in the sixth century, the curtain comes down. The flourishing cities disappear from Asia Minor. Civilization retreats into the grim laager of Constantinople. And all those fair, frail pagans, with their dynamic teaching and philosophy, vanish off the face of the stones in a single generation.

The news from Aphrodisias is a warning about how fragile are the defences of Western civilization against the dark ages. We have seen it happen in this century also.

J. P. Vinnel J. D.

London officers.

Antiques worth £100,000 were stolen yesterday from an unoccupied farmhouse at Woodside Farm, Sparkford, Somerset. Police said items were carefully selected. ● A 17th-century oil painting by Guercino of John the Baptist, which was stolen from

Drugs charge

Omar Moreno-Rodriguez, a week by Tottenham magistrates charged with conspiracy to supply cocaine after 25 kilos of the drug were found.

Jobs scheme : The EC is being asked for a

Weapon remand

Eel reprieve

The annual eiver eating championship at Frampton on Severn, Gloucesterhsire, has been scrapped because the price of baby eels has risen to £30 a kilo.

EC message is that sanctions will stay until apartheid ends

political reforms until apart- States in June. heid is totally abolished.

Collins, the Irish Foreign Minister, met Mr de Klerk in Cape Town after talks in Johannesburg on Wednesday with black opposition leaders and the African National Congress

Mr Collins was accompanied by Signora Susanna Agnelli, the Italian Deputy Foreign Minister, and M Thierry de Beauce, the French Deputy Minister of International Cultural Co-operation. Mr Richard O'Brien, the Irish Foreign Ministry spokesman, said the ministers wanted to make an assessment of events in South Africa and report back to the 12 member

Their meeting with Mr de Klerk took place a month before he is to visit Europe for nomic sanctions. talks with government lead-

A three-member European visit to Washington by a team, led by Mr Gerard South African head of government since the Afrikanerbased National Party assumed power 52 years ago and introduced apartheid.

President Bush invited Mr de Klerk to the White House released Mr Nelson Mandela and legalized black opposition activity as part of a reform programme Mr de Klerk says will dismantle apartheid and create a non-racial democracy.

Mr Bush also invited Mr Mandela. No dates have been announced officially.

persuade Western leaders that the course on which he has launched South Africa is irreversible and that the country deserves to be rewarded with the lifting of selective eco-

Mr Mandela, however, ar-

From Gavin Bell, Welkom

officials are planning a mass rally of black mineworkers to st against intimidation

and violence by white racists. Less than a mile away, burly men in khaki military-style tomorrow week. Their leader estures to a large revolver on march, there's going to be a under the banner of the ANC. bloodbath. We'll shoot them, we'll shoot them, too."

(backwoods) of the province confronting the demonstra of the Orange Free State. where white vigilantes have usurped the authority of the "sheriff" and blacks stay off the streets after dark.

The Blanke Veiligheid (White Security) organization neighbourhood watch group.

With 3,800 members in Welkom, and affiliates springing up throughout the province, it has become a powerful force implacably opposed to the ANC and black rule.

Its leaders talk of the possibility of a coup, and hint

Chinese threat to retaliate

From Catherine Sampson

A CHINESE spokeswoman sterday warned that the British Government's tabling of the Nationality Act in Parliament last week may harm Sino-British relations.

The angry Chinese reaction came just after Mr Francis Maude, Foreign Office Minister responsible for Hong Kong, announced on Wednes day in the British colony that there would be more passports on offer to Hong Kong residents than envisaged under the Nationality Act.

At a weekly news briefing, Miss Li Jinhua, the Foreign Ministry spokeswoman, said "time and again" made clear its opposition to Britain's unilateral decision to change the nationality of some of the Hong Kong citizens.

She said that, in disregard of China, Britain had "intransigently" submitted the British Nationality (Hong Kong) Act 1990 to Parliament.

The Chinese Government, she said, "cannot ignore such serious breach by the British side of its solemn commitment and the relevant agreements reached between China and Britain".

She warned that China might "take corresponding measures" against the nationality package.

But diplomats said China's threats of sabotaging the nationality package - under which Britain would offer passports for up to 225,000 Hong Kong residents - have

no legal basis. While Peking insists that it is in charge of the nationality of Hong Kong residents even before 1997, the Joint Declaration on 1997 states that Hong Kong residents come under Chinese nationality law then, and not before.

It will be the first official

in February after South Africa

Mr de Klerk will try to

The Afrikaner vigilantes talk of a bloodbath

IN AN untidy office strewn Zulus engaged in a mini-civil with African National Con- war with ANC supporters in gress posters, trade union Natal. Even allowing for boastful rhetoric, this is the nucleus of a revolution.

The group is a remarkably well organized and disciplined force of sober, determined men who distance themselves uniforms are preparing to from the secretive extremists confront the demonstration of the far right, seeing themselves as the conservative defenders of a society threathis desk and says: "If they ened by radical black hordes

Mr Hennie Muller, aged 43 and if the police get in the way, a panel beater, formed the organization three days before It is high noon in Welkom, a a protest march by black mining town in the platteland miners on March 9. In tion, he and 66 of his followers were arrested and are to appear in court next month.

The next day Mr Mnikelo Ndamase was dragged from a shop in a white suburb and beaten, kicked and shot to death by a group of whites. Mr has grown into more than a said: "I can still see his eyes pleading for mercy as a big man in khaki held him by the scruff of the neck and the

others moved in.' Mr Muller denies that his men were responsible, and it seems likely the killers were members of the paramilitary Afrikaner Resistance Move ment, which makes a habit of randomly attacking blacks.

"We are not racists. We have no problem with con-servative, law-abiding people. Our only concern is to protect our neighbourhoods from ANC radicals and criminals," Mr Muller said.

The vigilantes appeared in strength during a black con-sumer boycott of white-owned businesses last month, and made short work of black militants they perceived to be enforcing the protest action by intimidating shoppers. ran them out of town," Mr

Muller said. Since then the vigilantes have been patrolling white neighbourhoods after dark armed with revolvers and vearing smart khaki uniforms bearing lion's head insignia.

Welkom is deceptively quiet. Pre-planned and built from 1948 onwards, after the discovery of the rich Free State Goldfields, on what had been a maize farm, it produces 21 per cent of the West's gold

Close to tree-lined suburbs inhabited by 58,000 whites, an estimated 134,000 blacks live in Thabong township. Another 150,000 black mine workers, recruited on contract in the tribal homelands, live in compounds on mine property The lifting of the ban on the ANC and the release of Mr Nelson Mandela, its deputy president, has brought this volatile mixture to flashpoint - above and below ground.

After a series of racial incidents, and in defiance of regulations, white miners have begun wearing guns at the pit face, leading an alarmed mine executive privately to describe the tunnels beneath Welkom as a volcano waiting to erupt.

Mr David Naude, the vigilantes' political adviser, is also a local official of the extreme-right Conservative Party. "People in government departments have had Mandela forced down their throats, and now they've had enough," he said, adding: "We're not Rhodesians, we'll fight for our rights. Black majority rule will never happen. Listen to what I'm telling you, there will be a white backlash right through South Africa."

Cape Town

EUROPEAN Community
ministers visiting South African Government said yesrica yesterday called on President de Klerk to continue with
colitical reference until annual control of the continue with so will also visit the United control of the control that the ANC says was largely responsible for forcing whites to change their ways.

The Government and the ANC have scheduled talks for May 2-4 to clear the way for power-sharing discussions. Some sources say that they believe more government concessions are pending.
Diplomatic sources said the

EC group this week carried a message from the Community calling for continued political reforms away from apartheid's system of racial segrega-tion and offering unspecified

The delegation would make it clear that, while apartheid remained morally unjustifiable, it was the shared responsibility of all South Africans to co-operate in getting rid of it, the sources said. Mr Collins said in Jo-

hannesburg on Wednesday that EC nations welcomed Mr de Klerk's initiatives to dis-mantle apartheid. But he said Europe would continue to support punitive economic sanctions already in place until apartheid was

Mr de Klerk began to abolish aspects of apartheid after his election as President in September. On February 11 he lifted a 30-year ban on the ANC and freed Mr Mandela from his 1964 life sentence for plotting to overthrow white

The President has promised to negotiate with black leaders concerning political rights for the country's voteless majority, and last week he held preliminary talks with Mr Mandela. (AP, Reuter)







Elton John comforting Ryan White's mother, Jeanne, at the Indianapolis funeral service attended by Michael Jackson, below left, and Mrs Barbara Bush. White became a potent symbol for Aids sufferers

Jerusalem riot

From Richard Owen, Jerusalem

TEAR gas hung over the shrines and narrow alleyways on Good Friday's eve yes-terday as several hundred Christian priests and Arab Christian residents clashed with Jewish settlers who tried to move into the Christian quarter of Old Jerusalem for the first time since Israel captured it in 1967. The clashes continued into the

Some of the thousands of Western tourists and pilgrims now pouring into Jerusalem for Easter unexpectedly found themselves pinned behind cordons of paramilitary border police as 150 Jewish settlers battled with their

Christian opponents near the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the focus of Easter celebrations and one of the holiest sites in Christianity. The Jewish settlers said they had legally bought property in the Christian quarter, but the violence dismayed Israeli of-

ficials, who make special efforts to ensure harmonious relations between Christians, Muslims and Jews during religious festivals.

The trouble began when more than 20 Jewish families arrived to move into buildings owned by the Greek Orthodox Church deep inside the Old City, which was annexed by Israel as part of east Jerusalem after the Six-day War.

Yesterday the Venerable Diodoros the First, the Greek Orthodox Patriarch of Jerusalem, emerged to lead Christian protests against the sudden prospect of a Jewish presence in the Christian quarter. Israeli border police intervened, and in the ensuing clashes the patriarch was suffered from tear gas in-

He later said he felt "indienation and condemnadesecrated our holy festival." Mr Teddy Kollek, the Mayor of Jerusalem, said the timing of the Jewish move lacked wisdom and sensitivity", and called on the Israeli Government to intervene.

Many of the Christian Arab vouths involved in the disturbances took refuge inside the cavernous Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

Roman Catholic and Arme nian priests joined in yesterday's protests and condemned the police action, but police said the Arab youths involved had demonstrated "illegally"

The Jewish settlers, one of whom blithely played honkytonk music on his newly installed piano inside the disputed premises while the riot raged outside, said they had bought the buildings, known as St John's Hospice, in good faith from their "Armenian owners" with the help of donations from Jews abroad.

The price is said to have been about £3 million, but the Greek Orthodox patriarchate said the Armenians in question were only tenants.

Mr David Ben-Ami, the settlers' spokesman, said they were only re-establishing a presence in an area from which Jews had been evicted by Arab rioting in British Mandate Palestine in the 1920s and 1930s. "Heaven forbid we should take any one's property," he said. "We are here for religious reasons.

It was all done legally. Mr Ariel Sharon, the former eneral and right-wing politician, who bought a home in the adjoining Muslim quarter of the Old City three years ago, braved the tear gas to join the knocked to the ground. He Jewish settlers in the Christian quarter, declaring that their sence "would enhance Jew ish security".

The church protest mean tion", declaring: "This week is while, was supported by sev-the most sacred week for eral leading figures in the Christians. The Jews have Palestinian movement.

Settlers spark | Collor wins first round but recession deepens

From Louise Byrne, Rio de Janeiro

IN THE first important vic- trial production fell by up to are now made with credit President Collor de Mello of Brazil has won support for one of his most controversial new economic measures, which was announced the day he took office in March.

By a margin of 43 votes Congress has supported the freezing for 18 months of all ings accounts above £650.

The measure, which came into effect on March 15 but needed Congress's eventual support, overnight saw Brazil experience its most drastic reduction of money in circulation. The measure, designed to curb consumption and eventually bring down prices, was supported by a population that has been crippled by inflation of more than 80 per cent a month.

The challenge now facing the Collor Government is to halt a serious recession. Indus- 50 per cent of larger purchases need for a new conquest.

the big industrial centre of São Paulo more than 300,000 workers have been put on paid leave and at least 5,000 dismissed as a result of the new

Many workers have also not yet received their salaries for March as companies claimed the country's current and sav- to have run out of money. The president of one leading work-Government does nothing to

encourage investment. Meanwhile, the signs of into everyday life. Restaurants par, the national airlines are unusually offering special said. deals to attract back cusand newspapers.

tory for his new Government, 24 per cent in March and in cards or on hire purchase. If the working classes are being hit by unemployment and the middle classes by a big change in their spending habits, a psychologist, Senhor Flavio Gikovate, believes the rich have been no less affected.

"Having their money frozen in bank accounts has been like losing a limb for many of the rich in a society where money ers' union has spoken of the is status," says Senhor Gikorisk of social chaos if the vate, who also believes that the businessman suffers when he has to lay off workers.

"Despite what one may recession have already crept think, bosses have a strong relationship with their workand shops are working under ers, and to break that relationship is not easy for them," he

Women apparently take a tomers, and advertising is more philosophical view noticeably down in magazines about the loss of money than their husbands, who may react Figures also show that over sexually with impotence or the

Death of Aids victim stirs US

From Charles Bremne New York

THE death this week of a teenager who faced Aids with an almost saintly grace has prompted an outpouring of inbutes from the famous and mighty and caused Americans to reflect on the stigma for those with the disease.

Some 1,500 mourners, including Mrs Barbara Bush, Elton John, and Michael Jackson, attended the nationally televised funeral in Indianapolis on Wednesday of Ryan White, aged 18.

A haemophiliae infected by the HIV virus after a blood transfusion. White took the public stage in 1985 when he fought a long battle to gain readmittance to his Indiana

He became a poignant symbol for the suffering inflicted by the disease and helped lead

the campaign to wean the country from fear.

The Rev Ray Probasco said at the Presbyterian funeral in Indianapolis: "Ryan and his family always believed there family always believed there would be a miracle. But that didn't happen. I believe God gave us that miracle in Ryan. He healed a wounded spirit in the world and made it whole." In an emotional moment Elton John, wearing a black sequined hat, sat at a piano with White's photograph on it and sang "Skyline Pigeon", a song written after befriending Ryan White.

Earlier hundreds of eminent mourners had filed passed the open coffin in which White's body lay, dressed in his favourite jeans and sunglasses. President Bush and former President Reagan have also paid tribute to White.

But Mr Robert Bray of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force attacked Mr Reagan for failing to draw up anti-discrimination

Although opinion polls show greater public understanding for the disease than at any time since it was diagnosed, there is still much prejudice. In recent months demonstrators have taken to disrupting church services and public events in New York and other big cities to voice their anger over what they see as an inadequate social response to the epidemic.

White was in many ways not typical of the children who suffer from the disease. Most new cases now occur in babies infected by their mothers at birth. Three-quarters of the 2,000 diagnosed so far are black or Hispanic and almost third of them in New York

alone. The publicity given to those figures are helping to reinforce the notion that Aids is a disease of the ghetto, say the campaigners.

The World Health Organization said yesterday that 2.637 new cases of Aids were reported in the US in March, bringing the total there to 124,282 cases, or 52 per cent of all reported cases in the

Some 60,000 have died in

Birendra rejects leadership offer

newly legalized political parties to become head of an interim government pending national elections.

The offer was made jointly by the Nepali Congress and the United Leftist Front, the two main political groups. It was accompanied by a demand that the King should immediately dissolve the Cabinet and wind up the entire panchayat system of

partyless government. Mr Lokendra Bahadur Chang, the Prime Minister, told The Times yesterday that the King did not want to be involved in the day-to-day running of the country.

"The political parties want party system into law. the King to preside over the

KING Birendra has decided Cabinet. The Government local panchayats, which government to reject an offer by Nepal's thinks His Majesty is right in ern at village, district and constitutional amendment being reluctant to do this, because that would mean he would have to oversee controversial things like preparations for elections."

The Congress and the leftwingers want the King to for the time being in the hands make his position clear on of civil servants, who would dissolving the Government by be responsible for ensuring the time the Nepalese new year begins tomorrow. Otherwise, they say, demonstrations will be held.

Mr Chang, appointed a week ago, said it might be possible to dissolve the national *panchayat* in two or three months when vital legislation had been enacted that would enshrine the new multi-

thinks His Majesty is right in ern at village, district and being reluctant to do this, town level, should remain in place until after national The politicians, however,

are proposing that local

administrations should be left that basic services continued. Mr Chang questioned whether that would work. Local panchayats had many

powers and there would be a vacuum if the system was completely dismantled. Asked whether King Birendra was ready to give up almost all his powers and

become a constitutional mon-

arch, the Prime Minister said

constitutional amendment committee. That body would include members of the Congress and the left-wingers.

He confirmed that loyalist supporters of the panchayat system were forming a pol-itical party and would contest elections. "They have a lot of grassroots support," he said. He thought the panchas would be more effective when they were brought under the control of party discipline.

Political parties say the dismissal of the present Cabinet must include the dismissal of Mr Chang. The Prime Minister said that, if the question of the well-being of the people or the nation arose. "then I would be willing to go He argued that the system of the King would accept what- to any extent".

Masur to conduct New York Philharmonic



Kurt Masur: Leading role

in East German unrising

From James Bone New York

THE New York Philharmonic has named Kurt Masur, the East German conductor who helped lead the democratic uprising in his country, to replace Zubin Mehta as its music

Herr Masur, aged 62, the music director of the Gewandhaus Orchestra of Leipzig and currently principal guest conductor of the London Philharmonic, briefly even considered running for the presidency of East Germany. He now faces what may be an

harmonic, which has come under fire recently for its uneven performances. His appointment came as a surprise to many in the music world. Frontrunners for the post, which Mr Mehta has held for the last 13 years, had included Sir Colin Davis, Charles Dutoit, Giuseppe Sinopoli and Leon-

equally demanding task leading the notoriously difficult New York Phil-

Claudio Abbado backed out after having reportedly been offered the post so that he could replace the late Herbert von Karajan as music director of the Berlin Philharmonic.

Mr Mehta, who is 53, announced in November, 1988, that he planned to retire to pursue a guest conducting career and continue his directorship of the Israel Philharmonic.

Herr Masur, who has a reputation as musical craftsman rather than a virtuoso, found his musical activities eclipsed last year by the stirrings of the democracy movement in East Germany. The day after Herr Erich Honecker, then the East German leader, issued his threat to the populace to "remember what happened in China", Herr Masur threw open the doors of the 200-year-old Gewandhaus for a pro-democracy

The entire orchestra, 180-strong, tore up their communist party

membership cards and wrote to Herr Honecker demanding talks on pol-

The conductor, who is noted for his performances of German Romantic works, recently told The Times: "I was only carrying on those principles that I try to uphold when I conduct: Beethoven's hope in the Choral Symphony was exactly for that which vas happening all over Europe."

Born in Brieg, Poland, when it was part of Germany, Herr Masur began his advanced musical studies as a cellist and pianist at the National Musical School in Breslau in 1942. Four years later he entered the Leipzig Conservatory to study piano, composition and conducting.

After taking up his first professional post as a rehearsal coach at the Halle National Theatre, he served as music director of regional opera companies in Erfurt and Leipzig, working his way up in the vanishing style of building a conducting career. In 1955 he was

named as conductor of the Dresden Philharmonic, but returned to opera in 1958 as general director of the Mecklenburg State Theatre of Schwerin.

He came to international attention in 1960 when he took up the music directorship of the Komische Oper in Berlin. He became chief conductor at the Dresden Philharmonic in 1967 and stayed until 1972, having meanwhile taken up the directorship of the

Gewandhaus Orchestra in 1970. He is married to Tomoko Sakurai, a concert soprano, and they have a son, Ken David Masur, aged 12. Herr Masur has four grown children by previous marriages.

Herr Masur will take over the directorship of the Philharmonic formally in the 1992-1993 season, conducting a minimum of 14 subscription weeks and four weeks of other activities. Next season, after Mr Mehta resigns, he will hold the title of Music Director Designate.

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Thatcher's future is key issue for US media in Bermuda

weekend in unusual force. The top reporters and television directors will not be looking for dramatic new moves from relations; they will be looking to see if Mrs Thatcher still has political breath in her body.

The Prime Minister has become a big story in the United States for the first time in the Bush presidency.

American journalists based in Britain had become used to using London as a launch-pad for their voyages into Eastern Europe. Suddenly, or so it seemed, there were riots in the British streets and in the British prisons. "The belligerence of a growing underclass may challenge Thatcher's formidable hold on power", as Newsweek magazine put it.

The Newsweek editors this week compiled a catalogue of woes under the heading "De-cline of an empire": the highest rate of prison occu-pancy in the EC, the lack of improvements in the London Underground, the decline in hospital beds. "Discontent with Thatcher's domestic pro-

foreign affairs may not be far

President Bush on East-West be able to do much in Beropportunity to show Americans that her alleged feebleness towards European unity, Anglo-French co-operation and a united Germany is justified caution.

It will not be easy. The Prime Minister has long benefited from the tendency of the foreign press to simplify af-fairs for the folks back home. Mrs Thatcher was a "good and a "successful thing" and a "successful thing" and therefore, in the jargon of the trade, generally either an "up story" or no story at all. Now she is suddenly a "down story".

Mrs Thatcher still has many American supporters in the press. Mr Arnold Beichman of the Hoover Institution says:
"There is no indication that her opponents in the Conservative or Labour parties have any useful idea of how to get Britain out of its mild slump". gramme is rising", wrote Scott The columnist Jim Hoseland.

THE American media will be Sullivan, the European rein The Washington Post, criti-represented in Bermuda this gional editor, "frustration cizes Mrs Thatcher's biogwith her growing feebleness in rapher, Hugo Young, for his gloomy predictions about her ture. He praises her determ-Mrs Thatcher is not going to ination not to accept the status quo on taxes and benefits which he sees as bedevilling muda to appease the critics of which he sees as bedevilling the poll tax. She does have the corporatist governments

> But, for the most part, it is the views of Mr Young and Mrs Thatcher's other longterm critics which are the most respectfully repeated. Marxism Today is quoted as though it were the political barometer of Middle England. The only MP quoted by Newsweek is Sir Barney Hayhoe, the former Health

Minister and Thatcher critic.

although the magazine mudhim in the Labour Party. The combination of this tendency with the television pictures from Trafalgar Square and Strangeways has created a devastating impression. Mrs Thatcher has been made fully aware of this and is

expected to try to do some-

thing in Bermuda to show she

is still a player in the game.

Leading article, page 9



Irs Thatcher, accompanied by her hasband Denis, leaving Heathrow Airport yesterday for Bermuda, where she will have talks today with President Bush

Foreign press turns guns on the Iron Lady

eign newspapers are now con-her. vinced that the Government long-running, one-woman last smamer with her preshow has come to the end of Bastille Day comment than

"What now, Mrs Thatcher? the right-wing West German weekly Rheinischer Merkur asked provocatively. The article accompanied by 2 photograph of the Prime Minister looking through binoculars, suggested that the British no longer share her own farighted self-image.

Aithough another article raised Mrs Thatcher as the first politician to recognize the political changes in Europe, it complained that her illusion about a special relationship with the US made her believe wrongly that Britain had a special role in the West.

Meanwhile, the Strange-ways prison disturbances prompted Die Welt to observe that "England's society has been made violent as a consequence of laissez-faire".
Pointing out that "Thatcherismus" had succeeded in changing nearly every British institution except its prisons, the commentary continued:

Only very slowly is the insight dawning that prison is not the best place for resocialization — especially not an English prison."

Mrs Thatcher's initial coolness towards reunification

Rebel fire kills 14

Kabul - Rockets fired by guerrillas fighting the Soviet-backed Afghan Government biasted into Kabul yesterday, killing at least 12 children and

More than 10 people were wounded in the barrage, which broke a hill in the capital of more than two

Seoul pardon

Secul - South Korea pardoned a North Korean woman agent, Kim Hyun-hui, condemned to hang for blowing up a Korean Air jet in mid-air, killing 115 people.(Reuter)

War crimes

many to urge action against former SS general Herr Wilhelm Mohnke, accused of ordering executions of Caprisoners in

Malay polls

Kusia Lumpur — Malaysia's Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed said that eneral elections would be held soon.

Bomb toll

Bogoti - Sixteen died and at least 73 others were hurt by a car bomb planted by susected drug traffickers near

Scrolls study

Geneva - The Dead Sea Scrolls are to be carbon-dated by Professor Willy Woelfli, of Lady was a formidable ideo-Zurich's Technology Institute. logical opponent. by Professor Willy Woelfli, of

WITH Mrs Thatcher setting alienated her from the West records for the most unpopular press which, lar Prime Minister in the with Bild to the fore, now

history of opinion polls, for- relishes any had news about they always perceived as a animosity across the Channel

> revolution by a century. A front-page leader in Le Monde last week described the price that Britain has to pay for certain aspects of

Britain beat France to its

level of violence in Great Britain, paradoxical in a country whose democratic tradition is among the oldest in the world," it said.

"For many Britons, their eralism (free market private enterprise) - even if merited on a strictly economic basis by nature favours egoism over community spirit." It con-cluded: "There is perhaps something symbolic in the fact mutiny erapted on Sunday." managed to damn the Prime Minister with faint praise saying that the poll tax was intelligent and easy to apply -

The italian press, while not sharing the traditional rivalry between the French and the British, has never found ia. lady di ferro particularly sympatica, despite its admiration for her dynamic and authoritative style of leadership.

Concentrating on her loss of middle-class support, the lead-ing independent Corriere Della Sera warned last week that "constituencies like Westminster and Wandsworth, solidly Conservative, risk coming under control of the opposition" - surely exceeding Central Office's gloomiest

But La Stampa, under the headline, "Maggie sinks, worse than Chamberlain", concluded that, "La Signora, for the moment, does not wan to surrender".

According to Mr Scrichi Knbota, London bureau chief of the influential Asaki Shimbun, the poll-tax viol ence was the biggest British story in Japan since the Feb-ruary gales. "But there was little editorial comment," he said. "Most Japanese are very ill-informed about leadership contenders and the Labour Party. Mrs Thatcher and Britain are synonymous

"If Thatcher's star is waning, the shadows across it are monetary and fiscal," said the South African Financial Mail, blaming her declining popularity on Britain's poor economic performance. The marketplace, Thatcher's re-vered arbiter of all things, will have the final say. But the

portents are not good." From nearly every quarter except the Soviet Union, where her personal rating is well above that of President Gorbachov, Mrs Thatcher now gets a bad press.

Support for Mrs Thatcher from Pravda would once have been unthinkable, but a recent article, saying that "the Conservatives might be doomed to defeat, and the pendulum cannot remain in the same position for ever, contained none of the gloating of earlier days, when the Iron

Monk one of 10 on Eta charges

IN FRENCH Basque country, as an occasional haven for the Bishop of Bayonne yes. Spanish Eta terrorists. Local terday offered Easter prayers terrorism on this side of the for a local monk who, with border was seen as merely nine other French people, was this week charged with involvement in the activities of Eta, the Spanish Basque separatist group.

It was apparently M Henri Parot, arrested by Spanish police in Seville last week with more than 650lb of dynamite

M Parot and some of his pected by Spanish police of and two were supposed having operated an elite commando group, which committed some of the worst Eta terrorist attacks in Spain in the past 12 years, killing a total of 30 people.

clude the bombing of the the present suspected head of Guardia Civil (paramilitary Eta's hardline faction, could police) barracks at Zaragoza in be in hiding on the French side 1987 in which 11 people, of the border. among them five children, were killed.

Successive French govern- be linked to him.

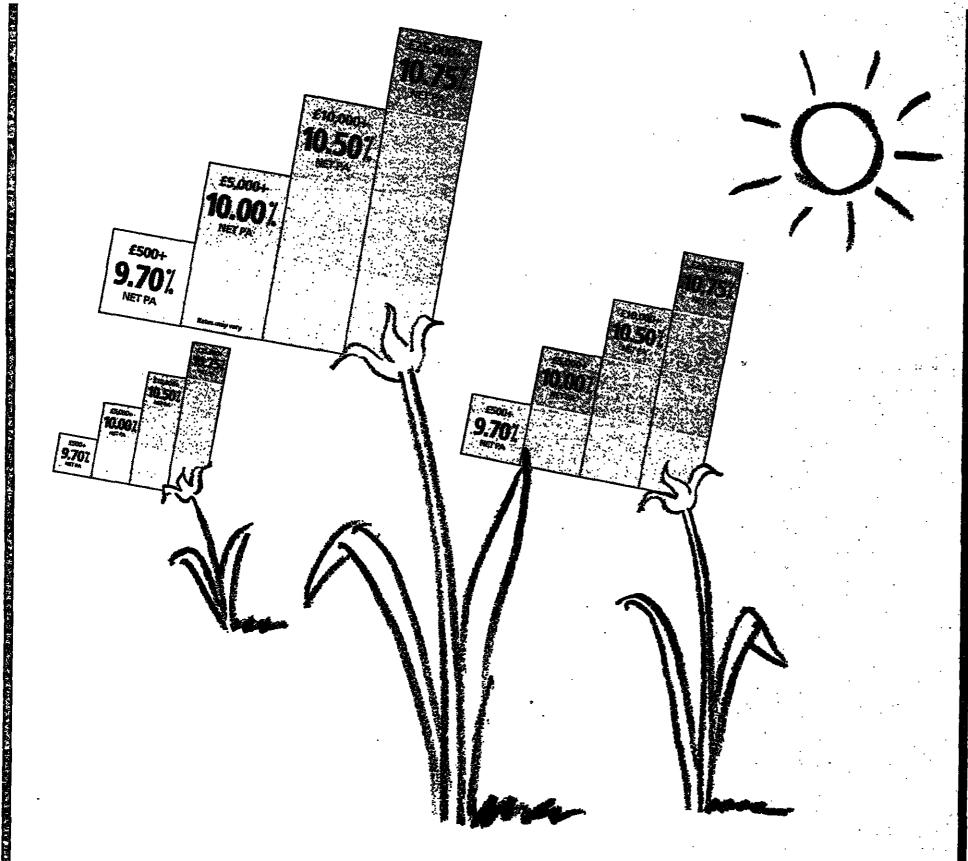
border was seen as merely small-time, with most of those involved being either in prison or dead.

The press has explained how no one could have suspected the 10 arrested men of terrorism. Brother Philippe Saez entered a monastery in 1987, and all the others-had in his car, who gave police the respectable jobs, mainly as names of those arrested in salesmen, which entailed travel to and from Spain. It was, however, true that they were French compatriots are sus- all known Basque nationalists, wanted by GAL, the alle police "death squad" which targets Eta terrorists.

Now, according to Le Monde, one of Spain's most wanted men, Senor Francisco Their alleged attacks in- Múgica, known as "Artapalo

M Parot is now saying that some of his confession last The fact that French week was extracted under Basques are apparently ac-brutal Spanish police treat-tively involved in Spanish ment, but the French have Basque terrorism is an embar-treated his revelations seriously to arrest the nine said to

ments have portrayed the lf they come to trial, the French Basque country only hearings will be in France.



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Hurd's

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From Nick Worrall

Leningrad WITH Leningrad's new political leaders locked in argument over who should run the city and how, after last month's election eclipse of the

Communist Party, Mr Doug-

las Hurd, the British Foreign

Secretary, had to steer a

diplomatic course during his

Union's second city.

nrocedures.

24-hour visit to the Soviet."

The bloc of new democratic :

parties won a sweeping major-

ity in the elections for the

city's parliament and took control from the Communist

Party. But it has begun to split

into factions, and a series of day-and-night sittings over the

past two and a half weeks has failed to agree on new

Mr Hurd's visit, after meet-

ings in Moscow with President .

Gorbachov and the Foreign

Minister, Mr Eduard Shevard-

nadze, was a chance to assess a

rapidly changing political

But there was a protocol

problem; the city is still with-

out a leader and the outgoing system no longer controls city politics, even though there are

few signs yet that the Com-

munist Party apparatus is

about to surrender control.

The only solution was to recall the outgoing Mayor, Mr Vladimir Khodarev, to host

the welcome dinner on

Then, yesterday morning,

democrats arriving for their debate studiously ignored a second meeting for Mr Hurd with Mr Khodarev and his

party supporters at the city

hall itself, a gracious 19th-

Between meetings Mr Hurd . was interviewed for Leningrad

At lunchtime it was the

Mr Hurd met prominent

democrats led by the man they

liament, who is also planning

to seek election in his home

city when 25 vacant seats are

was on Lenin's original Com-

munist headquarters, the

ace. It is now the office of the

Leningrad district party com-

mittee. The city's controver-

sial and conservative party

boss, Mr Boris Gidaspov, had

a heart attack on Tuesday, and

so Mr Anatoly Denisov, the

district party secretary, had to ?

step in to give Mr Hurd a half-

hour account of the changing

Soviet political situation.

Smolny, another opulent pal-

contested next month.

Wednesday night.

century palace.

East Berlin pledges a rapid pace for unity

From Anne McElvoy, East Berlin

sue speedy reunification in also envisages Nato membership for a unified Germany, it said in its first statement to the Volkskammer yesterday.

The Volkskammer sat yes-The Volkskammer sat yesny's responsibility for the
terday for the second time to crimes of fascism and com-Maizière, the Christian ogy for its part in the Democrat leader, as Prime Holocapst, the repression of Minister, and approve the coalition Cabinet. Afterwards Herr Matthias Gehler, the government spokesman, said East Germany intended to pursue unity "rapidly and responsibly".

Article 23 provides for the merging of East and West Germany within the existing constitutional framework of the Federal Republic after a referendum in the East. Its acceptance by all coalition partners considerably smooths the path of the two Germanies towards unity.

The Social Democrats had efused to support Article 23, but have been reassured by Bonn that the existing pro-visions can be modified to persecuted Jews. avoid an unconditional annexation of East Germany.

A government spokesman said the two Germanies would start talks in East Berlin next Thursday on a treaty to make the Dentschmark the common currency. Both governments want currency union as soon

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The Cabinet: The Cabinet:
Prime Minister Lothar de
Mazzère (CDU); Interior Minister Peter-Michael Diestel
(DSU); PM's Chief of Staff
Klaus Reichenbach (CDU);
State Secretary in PM's office
Gtuther Kranse (CDU); Foreign Markus Meckel (SPD);
Defence and Disarmament
Ening Franchmann (DA) Econ-Rainer Eppelmann (DA); Economy Gerhard Pohl (CDU); FInance Walter Romberg (SPD);
Trade and Tourism Sybille
Reider (SPD); Justice Kurt
Winsche (L); Labour and Social

Regine Hildebrandt (SPD): Environment and Energy Karl-Hermann Steinberg (CDU); Research and Technol-(CDU); Research and Technology Frank Terpe (SPD); Post Emil Schnell (SPD); Traffic Horst Gibtner (CDU); Construction Axel Vichweger (L); Traffic Technology Frank Terpe (SPD); Traffic Technology Frank Terpe (SPD); Traffic Technology Traffic T

erament spokesman Mathias Dehler (CDU). CDU — Christian Democratic Union; SPD — Social Demo-cratic party; DSU — German Social Union; L — Liberal party; DA — Democratic Awakening;

THE new East German co- as possible to enable East aition Government will pur- Germany to remodel its bartered economy along Western accordance with Article 23 of lines and open the way to full West Germany's Basic Law. It also envisages Nato member-will have the biggest say over when and how it occurs.

The new Government also acknowledged East Germaswear in Herr Lothar de munism and issued an apolthe Prague Spring and war crimes against the Soviet Union and Poland.

In an emotional statement to the Volkskammer, the Speaker, Fran Sabine Bergmann-Pohl, spoke of the necessity for the first freely elected Government in East Germany to acknowledge its hidden guilt. She asked forgiveness from Israel for "the hypocrisy and hostility of official East German policy" over the past 40 years, as well as for the anti-Semitic traits of the East German state.

The country now intends to open diplomatic relations with Israel for the first time and will offer asylum to

The Volkskammer declared the 1968 invasion of Czechoslovakia by East German troops an illegal military intervention". The Government also declared the finality of the Oder-Neisse border with Poland.

Herr de Maizière promised that he would limit the social insecurity in the country caused by fears of the effects of

currency and economic union.
The fledgeling parliament indulged in its first round of political bickering, with all factions blaming each other for providing the decisive support to the 40-year communist regime. There was also the first walkout of the Greens and New Forum MPs, who accused the Christian Democrats (CDU) of confusing a majority of seats with a monopoly on truth. Herr Rainer Eppelmann,

A group of farmers drove tractors and a combine harvester into the Volkskammer before its session to demand an end to collectivization and the agricultural policies of the past.

gation to Kosovo last week,

said yesterday that himan rights violations were taking

place in Kosovo because of

heavy-handed behaviour by

The visit coincided with the

resignation of all remaining

Albanian members of the

regional government, includ-ing the Premier, in protest at

Serbia's "terror and apart-

heid". The province, which is

predominantly ethnic Alba-

nian, is now ruled exclusively

by Serbs. Serbian police have

replaced hundreds of dis-

missed Albanian officials.

Serbian authorities".

Serbs tighten grip on media

From Richard Bassett and Dessa Trevisan, Belgrade

TWO senior editors of Novi ference on Security and Co-Sad television have been sus-operation in Europe delepended as the Serbian leadership continued its purge of the

The two journalists, Miss Doda Dot-Isakov and Miss Biljana Borkapic, were accused of committing a "grave political error" in editing a news bulletin on Sunday which covered railies in Serbia and Croatia. While 50,000 Serbs celebrated the 175th anniversary of their second. uprising against the Turks, more than 200,000 Croats turned out in Zagreb for a political rally addressed by Mr Franjo Tudjman, the leader of the Croat Democratic Union.

The journalists' "error" was to have dared to allot the same amount of time to the Croat rally as they did to the Serbian meeting, attended by Mr Slobodan Milosevic, the Ser-bian leader, who has kept the media on a tight leash since

coming to power in 1987. He has turned what was once the most liberal press in Yugoslavia into, in the words of one British diplomat here, "a shameful propaganda ma-chine worthy of Goebbels". The leading Serbian daily,

Politika, recently denounced the American Ambassador, Mr Warren Zimmerman, and the German daily Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung for har-bouring "anti-Serb" sentiments because both drew attention to human rights abuses by Serbs in Kosovo.

In the television studios, every journalist who has dared to criticize Mr Milosevic has been marginalized. Few in Beigrade imagine that the fact that all are non-Serbs is irrelevant. It is widely believed that Mr Milosevic would like the Serbian media to be "ethnically pore"

Senator Dennis DeConcini, the American congressmen who led a four-man Con-



Herr Hans Modrow, the East German caretaker Prime Minister, congratulating his successor, Herr Lothar de Maiziere, sworn in yesterday

Smugglers creating a profitable paradise in a post-Wall world

Berlin's Kreuzberg district at 6am, fresh off the first train from Warsaw.

Out of incongruous tartan suitcases tumble the illicit luxuries of the East: a mink jacket, tins of Russian caviar, Hungarian foie gras and three spare car tyres — "the hottest property of all" he says with a

Jerzy is in good spirits having crossed the East German border into West Berlin without being stopped at customs. He was lucky. On the day he arrived the West Berlin police recorded their biggest swoop yet, confiscating 60,000 cigarettes, dozens of furs and what they could quantify only as "substantial amounts" of hard currency destined for the black market.

Most of the traders squabbling over ground space deal in the lower-risk goods of cigarettes and alcohol which are steady Deutschemark earners, for the Poles risk border trans on their weekly pilgrimage to the hard currency mecca of West Berlin. In

under attack by laymen and

Patriarch Teoctist resigned

after last December's bloody

regime of executed dictator Nicolae Ceausescu.

week the synod of the Roma-

nian Orthodox Church voted

have bitterly attacked the

church's decision, and a letter

of protest signed by 138

Among the signatories were

independent Group of Social

synod's decision, Mr Stelian Bucharest.

priests was published.

Dialogue.

But in a surprise move last

clergy alike.

to restore him.

caught 26,000 smugglers, but now "expanded into Russia", they admit this is a fraction of having set up a deal of cars for Jerzy begins to set up his stall the total and that the number prepared to take the risk of trading on the Polenmarkt is growing by the month.

A report by the West Berlin Senate's finances department admits that the amount of goods being turned back at the border is now so large as to be "inestimable" and that the figures are rising.

Over a million Poles crossed East Germany into West Berlin on day or weekend trips last month. Any intensification of the random customs inspection would jar with attempts to promote tolerance and understanding between Poles and Germans which is not traditionally highly developed. Big-timers like Jerzy are

skilled in the vagaries of supply and demand across the persistent economic Iron Curtain. With his profits from the market he buys clapped-out Volkswagens and electrical goods in Berlin which fetch a good price in Poland and invests the money in foodstuffs and furs desired by the first three months of this Berliners keen on a luxury in the value of the East along the way.

chy which was hand-in-glove with the Communist

weeks of diplomatic with-

Sinaia are not enough."

drawal to the monastery of

There have been several

calls for a radical purge of the

Church's too hierarchy -

collaboration with commun-

ism. Commentators suspec

that it is for this reason, and

because they fear for their

The articles in Romania

signed by priests who re-

cision was also sent by the

students and the staff of the

restore Patriarch Teoctist.

"We want a revival and a

nomenklatura.

Komanian uproar

over patriarch

From Tim Judah, Bucharest

THE decision by the Roma- Tanase, of the Group of Social

nian Orthodox Church to Dialogue, said: "Comrade reinstate Patriarch Teoctist, Teoctist was part of that

its former leader, has come section of the Church's hierar-

revolution after confessing his clean-up in the Church. Patri-guilt in collaborating with the arch Teoctist's couple of

Articles in the independent many, if not all, of whom are

daily paper Romania Libera said to be tainted by their

prominent writers, pro- because they fear for their fessionals and dissident future, that they voted to

two government ministers, Libera included protests members of Romania's pro-

visional parliament, and mained anonymous. A protest intellectuals belonging to the note against the synod's de-

In a stinging attack on the Theological College of

ON THE soulless scrublands year customs offices have bargain. He jokes that he has German mark against the of the Polish Market in West caught 26,000 smugglers, but now "expanded into Russia", zloty, which means that even caviar with a black market trader in the Soviet town of a bargain for East Germans. Grodno just over the Polish

Rally in Moscow

backs radicals

From Michael Binyon, Moscow

SEVERAL thousand people Broadcasting Committee took to the streets of Moscow there because he refused to

to protest against plans to allow Mr Ivanov to air his

Communist Party bosses in Ivanov attempted to do so two

Wednesday called for a gen- appeared uninterrupted a few

request of the Prosecutor's an instruction from Moscow

Office to strip the two men of banning him from the screen.

Yegor Ligachov, the conser-vative Politburo member, public. There is widespread with senior Uzbek officials conviction that damning evi-

Leningrad city council, which tral Asia, but were sub-is dominated by radicals, sequently dismissed by the sacked the head of the State prosecutor.

parliamentary This has sharpened tensions

Supreme Soviet deputies in- fairs programme.

eral strike yesterday if the hours later.

Many of the goods on the market are East German in origin with giant salamis, children's clothes and cheap brandy the top sellers. A little judicious juggling of zloty and Ostmarks can mean a small but steady profit despite the open borders.

The sight of Poles buying suspiciously large quantities of food at the subsidized prices of East German food halls has long been a source of tension. With both the subsidies and currencies of Eastem Europe now in flux, however, the game has started to work the other way.

East Germans last weekend suddenly found that their despised currency, usually referred to merely as "shrap-nel", has gained in value against the Deutschemark by 20 per cent due to the expectation of a union between the two currencies in the summer.

prosecute two controversial

vestigating corruption among

The demonstration late on

Supreme Soviet agreed to the

Mr Telman Gdlyan and Mr

Nikolai Ivanov, the two dep-

uties, have publicly linked Mr

under investigation for brib-

ery and corruption. The case

has become a cause celebre

and highlights the fierce power

struggle between radicals and

conservatives in both Moscow

Last week the newly-elected

and Leningrad.

Uzbekistan.

their

immunity.

after the reduction in subsidies on Polish goods they are

An extra lure is the offer in Poland of goods reimported from the Polish market in West Berlin at a lower price than in the West Berlin stores which are still prohibitive to many East Germans.

The Polish news agency reported that convoys of East Germans arrived in the border town of Stettin last weekend to buy up fruit and vegetables, leather goods and shoes.

The East Germans, who have been used to having their erratically stocked shops plundered by West Germans on one side and Poles on the other, are delighted to find that they are now in a strong enough position to be speculators too.

The entire process is a textbook example of capitalism run wild as berated in the schoolbooks of their communist youth. It is also every enterprise-starved Eastern European's idea of paradise trade across open borders with The result has been a doubling no tax and with profits all

accusations on a current af-

After a public outcry. Mr

days later but was cut off in

mid-broadcast. He finally re-

But Leningrad had defied

between the radicals and the

conservatives, who support

The two men are now seen

dence exists to link the "Uz-

bek mafia" with senior party

So far both men have

They were appointed to

figures in power in Moscow.

refused to give details of

evidence they say they have.

investigate corruption in Cen-

the public prosecutor.

Estonia opposes military call-up

From Michael Binyon

ESTONIA'S parliament yes-

After a heated debate, deputies voted by 71 to three to suspend the constitutional articles governing military service. Twenty-seven pro-Mos-

nia and said that some cities had not recognized the

it served no useful purpose.

The poll showed wide they were physically prepared for military service.

lying republics, has seen a sharp rise in the number of people refusing military service for political reasons.

gible in the spring call-up.

He told Izvestia: "The main idea is a stage by stage change to professional armed forces, smaller in number but better

each of the 15 republics to recruit its own land force, administered jointly by Moscow and local authorities, but under the overall operational control of the chiefs of staff in

Moscow

terday voted to stop service by its citizens in the Soviet armed forces, a move that is certain to heighten tensions between the Military Command here and the Baltic republics.

television and questioned by reporter Natalia Antonova about British politics, the poll tax and the Government's falling ratings. He defended

Parliament called for talks to avoid confrontation with the Army. But the immediate reaction from Moscow was critical. Tass reported protests by Russian speakers in Esto-

released yesterday, showed that only a quarter of the young men interviewed did not express apprehension at being called up, and more than half their parents thought

particularly disturbed by the rise in refusals in the Baltic republics and the Transcaucasus. A campaign has begun to enrol all those eli-Mr Vladimir Lopatin, the

commission looking at mili-tary reform, has called for an end to conscription and the establishment of all-volunteer forces within five years.

the position loyally, saying Mrs Thatcher had won three " cow deputies did not vote. elections but between them had "always fallen to a pit of unpopularity". democrats' turn. The scene was the fashionable Writers' Cafe in Nevsky Prospekt,

formerly the Green Lamp, the haunt of the poet Alexander A recent poli in Moldavia want to see as Leningrad's next mayor, Mr Anatoly Sobchak, a leading radical deputy in the Soviet Par-

spread reluctance to serve in the Soviet Army. Fewer than half those questioned thought

The poll was conducted among 3,000 pupils in their final year at schools in Kishinev, the Moldavian capital, Only a quarter looked forward to the call-up; the rest said they were registering because it was a constitutional duty. Moldavia, like most out-

Senior officers have been

chairman of a parliamentary

in quality."
The proposals would allow



German dreams still haunt a 'forgotten' Baltic region From Anatol Lieven, Jurbarkas, Lithuania

ince) of the Russian Federation, formerly East Prussia, is quietly stagnating, waiting, new page in history.

From the 13th century, tion n when German knights pushed today. across the Vistula river to fied 19th-century Germany.

bility who shaped the Second

estant conscience. taking revenge for Germany's settlers.

foolish enough to remain were killed or deported, either east or west, by the end of 1945. So perhaps, some day to write a far as is known, not one member of the former population remains in Kaliningrad

East Prussia was divided in subjugate the pagan Prussian three by the post-war settle-tribes, to the winter of 1945, ment. The northern part, this "forgotten" Baltic region around the port of Memel was a German province, giv-ing its name to the kingdom of Soviet Republic of Lithuania, the Hohenzollerus, who uni- the southern half to Poland, and the central part, around It was the heartland of the Königsberg (now Kalininjunkers, the land-owning no- grad), the capital, to Russia.

Poland and Lithuania had German Empire, and the ancient claims on parts of East home of Immanuel Kant, who Prussia. The Russian presgave modern philosophical ence however, was wholly settlers, after 45 years, were which, p form to the Prussian Prot- new. The place of the Ger- still largely dependent on the reduced. mans was taken by several At the end of 1944, when hundred thousand Russian, structure. Red Army troops burst in, Belorussian and Ukrainian

tions of rubble. Western visitors have been

West German magazine, Die Zett, and a member of a noble East Prussian family, was allowed to visit the home from which she escaped in 1944. Her hosts asked her to bring with her a bust of Kant, a copy of the famous monument destroyed in the war.

On her return to Germany, she described a sad landscape, where the "new" Russian ancient German infra-She spoke of the irony of her huge family castle having been

ania, a small corner of land, froze, were murdered or Kaliningrad, an almost en-cowshed is still in use.

Russia obsessed with internal the Kaliningrad oblast (prov-drowned in the Baltic. Those tirely new city, rose in its. The decline, and the pos-difficulties and anxious to place, constructed on founda- sible future disintegration of shed extraneous problems. the Soviet Union, raises the question of the ultimate fate of scheme is that it would mean very few indeed, as Kalinin- this Russian island which, if the first change in the inter-

> open to the sea. If the economic decline of the Soviet Union were to can do without. proceed indefinitely, living conditions in this isolated area could become almost intolcrable. The heavy industry

some Lithuanians are beginnine to think of the possibility attrocties in Russia, the Ger- Königsberg was badiy dam- deliberately wiped from the between Lithuania and Po- Central Asia by Stalin during Europeans. Central Asia may ever, could see hith man population fled. Hun- aged in the Soviet assault. The face of the earth while, down land. This, they think, might the Second World War. In soon become a very un- imaginable changes.

BETWEEN Poland and Lithu- dreds of thousands starved, ruins were demolished, and the road, an old German be by agreement with a future recent years a good many have comfortable place for its Euro-The problem about such a

> grad is a closed military area. Lithuania becomes indepen- national frontiers of 1945, and It was after a wait of half a dent, will be geographically one which could hardly fail to lifetime that Marion, Count- isolated from the rest of the attract German interest which ess Donhoff, editor of the Soviet Union, although still the Poles, acutely sensitive to possible German plans for their own western territories, The future of the territory

has, however, been raised by Germans within the Soviet seems unlikely to be able to Soviet newspaper, Literaturnmany people are dependent mans" suggested that it might

These Volga Germans were In these circumstances, brought in by 18th-century tsars to develop what was then a frontier area, and lived on

been allowed to emigrate to pean populations. West Germany, but with that country now grappling with the East German influx, this German past, as an obvious no longer looks attractive.

possibility of returning to their former homes on the Volga, but rejected this, on the grounds that the soil has been exhausted by bad farming practices, and that the Russians settled on these lands would resist their return. Another idea which has

been widely discussed is that Union. In an article in the of consolidating the Germans in Central Asia into an participate in any East Euro- ava Gazeta, a representative autonomous republic, to be pean economic revival, and of the so-called "Volga Ger- created within the Soviet republic of Kazakhstan. The on a Soviet military presence be made an "autonomous article also opposed this which, presumably, would be republic" for his people. economic prospects there.

A much more important objection is that it would risk try's destiny, would ever agree inflaming still further the tenof a new partition of the area, the Volga until deported to sion between Kazakhs and

The author therefore settled upon Kaliningrad, given its choice for the creation of an The article discussed the autonomous republic, which could become another Soviet "window on the West", a channel for Western, and especially German, trade and technology.

The problem with this, for Moscow, is that it would mean the resettlement of the existing population which, in the long run, would almost certainly lead to reunification with Germany.

The idea of a German return to the eastern Bahic would terrify not just Poles. article also opposed this but also many Russians. It scheme on the ground of poor seems very unlikely, therefore, that a Soviet Government still in partial control of its coun-

> The next few years, however, could see hitherto un-

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RICHARD FORD

pare a thought for Conservative MPs and prospective parliamentary can-didates trying to relax during the Easter recess. However far they travel from Westminster, there is no escaping the odium attracted by the poll tax. Three Conservative MPs had hoped their recent parliamentary delegation to the Falkland Islands would give them respite. Alas, Port Stanley offered no relief to Nicholas Winterton, Jacques Arnold and Gerald Bowden. Five aggrieved Scottish workers building a school downed tools to vent their



anger about the tax, and even some of "our boys" felt emboldened to ask how it applied to servicemen. And in deepest Cornwall the Tory candidate Sebastian Coe found no refuge. Presenting the English Schools Cross Country championship prizes, he was just putting a medal around a winner's neck when a sixth-former interrupted proceedings by asking what he was going to do about the poll tax. "I just smiled. It was quite amusing," said Coe.

s there a future Conservative Lord Chancellor in the latest list of Queen's Counsel? The Minister for Industry, Douglas Hogg, scion of one of England's great political-legal dynasties, is following in the footsteps of his grandfather, father and sister by taking silk. Both his grandfather and father, Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, were illustrious Lord Chancellors in Tory administrations. Savouring the news, Lord Hailsham yesterday preferred to see the announcement as proof that there is something in the hereditary principle.

seat on the board of London Regional A Transport may seem a less attractive proposition if an idea advocated by Lord Boyd-Carpenter, a former Conservative transport minister, finds favour. The peer is determined that directors of LRT should endure some of the problems commuters experience daily. He is demanding that, as a condition of service, directors in future travel to work by public transport at least once a week.

• Members of Labour Youth are in need of the kind of syllabus and testing planned in the Government's national curriculum. Referring to the Mid-Staffordshire byelection campaign, the newsletter of the junior wing of red rose socialism commented that it was "kneck and kneck".

Civil Service ruse to save Governrepresentation in Scotland has misfired. John Home Robertson, the Labour MP for East Lothian, provided Sir Geoffrey Howe, the leader of the House, with figures indicating Tory whips were planting ques-tions with English MPs during Scottish Office questions, to help gain television



coverage for beleaguered Conservatives in Scotland. Unfortunately, there was a mixup over the reply. Home Robertson received the advice on a response offered to Sir Geoffrey by a civil servant. "I enclose a self-explanatory suggested form of words which deliberately avoids commenting on the statistics he [Home Robertson] quotes," it stated smoothly. Robertson now has a reply from Sir Geoffrey. It is the same, almost word for word, as the one suggested by the civil servant.

ith Tory fortunes so low, it must be galling to the Prime Ministra galling to the Prime Minister and others that one man in more demand than ever is Ted Heath. An average of 60 invitations a week - compared with 40 for Mrs Thatcher's putative challenger, Michael Heseltine -- ensures he has abundant opportunity to propound his alternative vision. Heath is more than happy to oblige, and recent visits to Bruges and the University of Michigan have provided an international platform for his anti-Thatcher views on Europe. Heath's membership of this select group has other uses: it brought Helmut Schmidt, Jacques Chirac and David Rockefeller to a fundraising concert for Salisbury Cathedral, which is just opposite his home.

ente is free along with her companion M Fernand Houtekins and their optimistically named daughter, Sophie-Liberte. Seventeen and include Mr Terry Waite.

adame Jacqueline Val-

Westerners remain held in Lebanon, three of whom are British Once more the focus is on Westem policy. When hostages' lives are at stake, what is the proper balance between pragmatic and moral considerations? Can one in fact make such a distinction?

The taking of hostages is as old as humanity itself. Ever since it was first discovered that you could get something of value from loved ones or a kingdom, people have been taking hostages. It was done, I suppose, in the most civilized fashion during the Middle Ages. Foot soldiers would be slaughtered, but during any engagement knights were to be taken alive if possible and held for ransom. Hostage-taking was a civilizing influence upon battle and a life-saving device for upper-class warriors. A prisoner, after all, was of no earthly use unless one could make him a slave. Christianity all but abolished the institution of slavery, which left only mass slaughter as

There is no such civilizing than schools. A country can try, aspect to hostage-taking today. It as France may have done, to

Barbara Amiel advises firm British response to international blackmail

Hostages without honour

is a nightmare by all standards. to which we pay lip service in the West. There is general agreement that any nation or group that kidnaps people for ransom of any kind (or tolerates such activ-ities within its borders) safely removes itself from all moral considerations of civilization. The sole concern in handling such situations is a practical one. How can one reduce the in-

centive to engage in kidnapping?
The argument that Mrs Thatcher has used against dealing with terrorists is simple enough. If we reward hostage-taking then we simply create a market rather like that of, say, ivory. Punishment in the case of capture is generally insufficient to deter others. Many people will engage in risky activities because they think they can get away with them. There are hardly any people who will engage in un-profitable activities: this is why banks are more often robbed

exchange terrorists for a promise of immunity. This simply converts kidnapping into a proteotion racket

We could, on the other hand, try to free ourselves from preconceptions and take a medieval approach to hostage-taking. Without getting upset, we could recognize the ransom of human beings as one of the facts of life and attempt to civilize the trade. We could indicate that we would pay better and more promptly if the hostages were well housed and had not lost weight. It would, we might argue, simply be the price of doing business in the modern world. After all, the people who make political de-mands generally settle for goods and merchandise such as a Mirage jet or the unfreezing of assets. Pirates and raiders have always found political demands virtually impossible to win, but a financial deal can always be made.

British policy on dealing with the bostage issue is not clear to me. On one hand Mrs Thatcher

seems adament that there will be no deals; at the same time we have been muted in our tosponses to the Salman Rushdie affair and the execution of Parzad Bazott. Whatever the British stance, negotiations cannot proceed on the basis of nothing. We cannot offer nothing threaten nothing and conclude that unless you return our chaps we will be mad. We could deny landing rights to planes, cut off commerce, isolate nations and so on. This might be particu-

larly effective now that the

possibility exists of doing this in

concert with the Soviet Union. We will not do this. The unspoken truth about hostage-taking and terrorism is that it really does not cost us very much and is not very inconvenient. It is far more expensive to cut off Syria, Iraq, Iran and Libya than to lose a few church envoys or half-a-dozen British busines Our policy is hostage to the fact that we place little value now on

In my view, we are wrong. This attitude creates a certain ambience in the world that diminishes each one of us, both spiritually and practically. Britain and France were in an entirely different position when the world understood that one cooked missionary and we would send out the gunboats. This, incidentally, is not a question of gunboat diplomacy, the charge automatically levelled at anyone using the word gunboat. We did not have a show of force because the death of a missionary was an unendurable material loss to Her Majesty. We had missionaries to spare. The point was to make it clear to the various cannibals of the world that they could not eat a British subject. Now, although we can-not say it publicly, we take the attitude that we have journalists and envoys to spare for a

number of meals. As a final note, I found it ironic to see the photographs of the Princess Royal in the daily

papers this work, when she gave her moving speech against drugs One photograph was placed just below that of the newly released Sophic-Liberte playing in West Beirui. I may have been particulary obtuse, but in all the press coverage of the international conference on drugs held in London. I saw not one reference to the Syrian occupa-tion of Lebanon's Belosa Valley. an occupation whose major purpose is the cultivation of opium and the refinement of cocaine in order to obtain the money to finance the terrorist activities

that end up with hostages. The West seems strangely mdifferent to the matter, perhaps because President Assad of " Syria is viewed as a possible peacemaker in the Middle East. Perhaps this explains why the United States turns over some \$95 million a year to him as a subsidy for not cultivating drugs. According to court proceedings in France earlier this year, a ship called the Cleopatra Sky, filled with three tons of drags and beading for Britain, was loaded in Lebanon in the presence of the Syrian military authorities. The Americans, it is claimed, view the matter benignly, so long as most of Syria's drug trafficking is aimed at Europe. Can Mrs That-cher afford to be quite so jejune?

Christ and the wider world of human rights

uman beings are born with supreme worth: but everywhere that worth is denied. The Kurds, spread over five countries with no country of their own, and the indigenous peoples in South America are just a few whose basic human rights are today being violated. Since the Second World War, Christians have shared in a general commitment to the furtherance of human rights. It is doubtful, however, whether they have yet evolved an adequate theological underpinning for this concern. A sense of human worth and dignity, though fundamental, is not by itself enough to provide this basis. Yet Christianity, with its realistic understanding of human nature, does have the

necessary insights.

They were classically formulated by Reinhold Niebuhr in his book The Children of Light and the Children of Darkness. Standing in the tradition of Christian realism, whose best known exponents are Augustine and Luther, Niebuhr argued that where this tradition had gone wrong was not in its sombre account of human behaviour, but in failing to apply this account consistently.

Luther, for example, argued that human beings were like ravening tigers, who would tear one another apart given half a chance. In order to stop this happening, we needed to be put in cages, the bars being provided by the strong state with its powers of coercion. What Luther failed to see, according to Niebuhr, was that the rulers needed a cage even more than the citizens. Not only do they share the same destructive capacity, they have far greater opportunity to hurt and harm. The cage for rulers is provided by the checks and balances of a liberal democracy.

In short, democracy is underpinned by Christianity, for both have a high evaluation of human nature and human freedom but realize that we need curbs on human destructiveness, particularly on the potential harm that rulers can do to the ruled. The Christian justification for human rights follows the same lines, which is not surprising given that a concern for human rights is part and parcel of the Western democratic tradition.

Government needs a check on it, even when, perhaps especially when, it is most convinced that it is acting for the well-being of all its citizens. There is an interesting link here with Ronald Dworkin's view that human rights are "political trumps". As he wrote: "If someone has a right to something, then it is wrong for the government to deny it to him, even though it would be in the general interest to do so."

If we lived in a perfect society there would be no need to talk of human rights. In a family that is working harmoniously, rights are rarely referred to. When love is present we instinctively recognize and respect the dignity of others. But because this dignity is so often denied and the value

Richard Harries, Bishop of Oxford, asks for a broadening of our view of the rights of man beyond the widely flouted terms of the UN Declaration





of human beings is violated, we have to have legally recognized and enforceable rights.

We now have in place a remarkable body of international human rights laws. The churches have shared in the evolution and monitoring of these rights, particularly in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union. However, during the past decade, Christians in other continents have become dissatisfied with the European emphasis. As Jose Bonino has put it: "For the vast majority of the population of the world today the basic 'human right' is 'the right to human life' . . . The drive towards universality in the quests of the American and French Revolutions, the aspirations in the UN Declaration, finds its historical focus today for us in the struggle of the poor, the economically and socially oppressed, for their liberation."

As the German theologian,

Jurgen Moltmann, has written: "I think that only with this concrete starting point in the theology of liberation can universal theories and declarations about the freedom of man be protected from their misuse." In short, now that civil and political rights are more assured in many countries, the concern must be with These rights are present in the relevant documents

The Universal Declaration states: "Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate to the health and well-being of himself and his family, including food, clothing, housing and medical care and necessary social services."

Sadly, there is also an acknowledgement in the various covenants that the implementation of these rights is relative and progressive. They are to be implemented "to the maximum of [the state's] available resources" and "by all appropriate means". This drains these admirable documents of something of their urgent moral imperative.

That overriding moral imperative was understood by the great fathers of the 4th century. They believed that God had bestowed goods of the earth on humanity as a whole. All things were in principle in common, so to meet someone's need for the basic necessities of life was not an act of charity but of justice. It was rendering to him what was his by right, what was his due. Ambrose wrote: "Not from your own do you bestow upon the poor man, if you make return from what is his. For what has been given is common for the use of all, the earth belongs to all, not to the rich. Therefore you are paying a debt, you are bestowing what is due."

Chrysostom wrote: "This is robbery: not to share one's resources." Augustine made the same point. "The superfluous things of the wealthy are the necessities of the poor. When superfluous things are possessed. others' property is possessed." Something of this moral urgency needs to inform the implementation of those economic and social rights which are now legally recognized, for the world as a whole certainly has a denied to the 600 million people hving below starvation level.

n recent years, the concept of responsibility and the notion of duty have largely dropped out of discussion. The suspicion of the notion of responsibility among fervent advocates of human rights is understandable, for it can be used to disguise injustice and encourage complacency. Responsibility implies adherence to the law and not bucking the system. Now that we have an international law of human rights, we should bring the concept of responsibility out of its locker and dust it over; not so as to neglect human rights, but so as to reinforce their importance. First of all, we may have a responsibility even when we have no legal obligations. For example, we have responsibilities towards animals even though their legal rights are somewhat obscure and undeveloped, Second, a legal right is a bare minimum. Those conscious of their responsibility to others are concerned that they have more than this, but the legal minimum is necessary because even this is often denied in practice. But even if, for example, the basic rights of prisoners are being observed, we have a responsibility for their wellbeing in a wider sense.

Above all, we have a responsibility to enforce the human rights entrenched in international law. They are there on paper, in legislation, but are far from being observed or implemented in many parts of the world. A longer version of this article was recently presented to the

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Philip Howard: new words for old

Barbarians of the better sort

7 ith Parliament in re-cess, our chief manu-factory of hot air has fallen silent. There the wicked cease from troubling, and the ranters be at rest. Abuse of the opposition has always been a part of democracy, but our modern politicians are less abusive than their predecessors in one respect at least: on the whole it is now considered bad form to animadvert on the opposition's accent or bad grammar. If we were to get down to that, which of us would 'scape whipping? Such holds were not barred when Cicero led for the opposition.

A barbarian was originally simply a foreigner, who went baa-bas instead of speaking Greek A barbarism is a word formed in an unorthodox, unGreek way. A solecism means bad grammar, because the snob-bish Athenians considered that their colonists at Soloi in Cilicia tended to construct their sentences like a drunken Glaswegian. The House of Commons, when it is sitting, is a rich mine of barbarism and solecism. But then, its members are all British. and by definition barbarians anyway. Here is a new word, coming in; but is it a berbarism? The oculists are in the process of coining a word to describe the

deterioration through ageing of that after a time lenses become clouded by scratches, distortion, bacteria, fungi, and general gange. The word needs to sound scientific and up-beat, not suggesting that the little bits of plastic that we insert with pain and grief into our eyes are anything other than perfect. Ageing, deterioration and degradation get the thumbs-down for sounding downbeat and unflattering The oculists have decided to com the jargon "spoilation" to describe the way that contact lenses deteriorate through old age. Purists among them suggest that "spoliation" would be a more regular formation. But that has to be rejected, because for six centuries it has had a specialized meaning to describe the act of spoliating or despoiling, that is to say the plunder, looting, rape and associated activities of lager louts like Vikings or Visigoths. You could well say that "spoilation" is a dreadful word, I don't see what's wrong with existing words such as ageing deterioration or degradation; except, perhaps, that they declare the truth too blumdy. But specialists must be allowed to invent their own jargon. No doubt the world would be a better place, and English a tidier language, if we had a committee of philologists and philosophers who were alone licensed to coin new words, but that is not the way that language works. The French have their Academie Française. in some matters an influential body, but utterly uninfluential in its self-elected task of preserving the purity of the French lan-guage, which is as full of Ameri-canisms, Anglicisms, barbarisms

and spoilation as any other

language. Ordinary people with-

out licence will carry on invent-

ing words and idioms. The language belongs to them too.
You could try the ultimate put-down by condemning "spoilation" as a barbarian, that is a hybrid word made by sticking a suffix or prain; from one pushed on to a mond of them from another language, so treating a chimera with a Greek hand and a Latin tail, such as "Bidvision". But you would be wrong, "Spoil" is derived by the circuitous route of Old French from the Latin spolium, the skin stripped from an animal and hence booty, and spoliate to despoil. The suffix -ation is from Latin, but is now living English "Spoilation" is correctly formed

It just sounds silly.
Your genuine barbarism is a
pushmi-pullyu hybrid, whose elements should not go together. and which together make non-sense. "Washeteria" sticks Spanish ending on to a Testonic verb, by jocular analogy with cafeteria, Amphibian is derived from Greek words meaning hying on both (sc. land and water), triphibian is irregularly derived from it, to mean living on land, on water, and in the air. It is a malformation rather than a hatter barism: tri is Greek, but for ne good reason it has taken the ple from amphi, meaning on both sides. Sir Winston Churchill cheerfully used triphibian to describe Lord Mountbatten.

"walkathon", "mega",
thon" and such coinages A are barbarisms. They take a Tentonic word, walk, and stitch it on to the last two thirds of Marathon, the plain 22 miles. north-cast of Athens where the Greeks preserved civilization as they knew it by thumping the Persians in 490 BC. Buren French bureau, which comes ultimately from the Latin burns fiery-red (because of the coloured baize used for covering writing-tables), and tags on the Greek stem for ruling or ruler, by analogy with anistocrat, democrat, plutocrat and barbaristis. such as "cottonocrat". The analy ogy of the "eau" sound in buneau with the "o" sound in democrat has distorted the pronunciation.
Bureaucrat is a useful barbarian. expressing an idea that no other word does. A record library is a barbarism, because library like erally means "a book place".

We cannot run English simply to avoid officading the susception bilities of classical scholars Many barbarisms are jocular coinages invented by advertising people and journalists to make a splash. They are likely to be ephemeral. I do not see washeters having a long life, though proph ecy is dangerous in these (as in most) matters. But where barbarism fills a gap - like television, cablegram, bureaucrat, clectrocution, amoral, speedom eter - it is vain to cry "Foul!" I you don't like the words you don't have to use them; thought don't see how you avoid television. I am not sure whether the lensmen's "spoilstion" is a necessary barbarism. But if thex want it, we shall get it.

One of the compensations — one, indeed, of the considerable reliefs - of what we shall call middle maturity is that you cease testing yourself. You no longer deliberately confront the hitherto unconfronted in order to discover what sort of person you are. This is partly because you have found out almost all there is to find out, partly because you have better things to do with the diminishing time remaining than to winkle out the few things you do not know and put scalpel and litmus to them, and partly because you

than to act upon the information received. Then somebody buys you a

also have better things to do with

the diminishing time remaining

telescope. Nobody who is bought a telescope says, "Hallo, a telescope", and leaves it in the box in case it spells trouble. He opens the box.

He takes out all the gleaming enamelled tubes and the glittering brass fitments and the winking

blued lenses, and he begins fitting them together. He takes out the anodized tripod, and he screws its sturdy black rubber feet on, and he spanners the bracing struts into place, and he sets it up and fits the telescope to it, and upon the sixth hour he stands back and looks at the work that he has done, and finds it good. He rests from his labours with a large one. He walks around the telescope, so that, from any angle, he may con-gratulate himself on being the sort of man who can put together a complicated thing like a telescope.

all this, ask himself if he is the sort of man who looks through them. Even though he has always maintained that there are two sorts of people who look through things, and that the sorts they are are determined by the sort of things through which they look. There are binocular men and

there are telescope men. Binocular men are extrovert, outdoor, tough, racy, dominant and decisive. In a crisis, the man with binoculars round his neck puts them to his eyes, comes to an instant conclusion, and acts upon it. He may do this from the top of the Goodwood stands, or from the turret of a Tiger tank, or from



One in the eye for self-image

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Everest, or even from a big cardboard box on Romney Marsh. But whether he is bent on determining if the second favourite is to be backed, or the attack to And he does not once, during just below the South Col of commence from the left flank, or

the assault on the summit to be made before the weather closes in, or merely if the thing hopping about in his lenses is greater or lesser spotted, determine it he will, because that is what he does.

Telescope men, on the other hand, are introvert, indoor, meek, dull, biddable, and dithering. They sit in the loft, with one eye shut, wondering what it is that the other eye is seeing. Is that Betel-geuse? Concorde? A guat on the lens? They entertain theories about black holes and red dwarfs. but with scant conviction. They wonder about how it all started, what it is doing now, and where it will all end; but they will not commit themselves.

Now, into which category have I spent my life integining I fell? Of course. Furthermore, apart from all that, I have never had the slightest interest in the heavens. I am one of those solipsists who. strolling out on to a nocturnal terrace and gazing up at the blackness's billion punctuation points, suddenly has borne in upon him how insignificant they are. I have never recognized any of them from their photographs. I have, of course, long known that there is a collection which looks like a saucepan, but on the nights when, for some reason, it hasn't seemed to be there, it has never bothered me in the slightest.

But look at me now. This is my

third midnight in the loft. That is a bottle of Voltay. Those are cheddar sandwiches. The big fat book is The Times Atlas of the Universe. We are all waiting for things to rise, but the hig fat book is the only one who knows what 3 those things are. The rest of us are equally in the dark; although, on reflection, I cannot speak for the cheddar, which is full of bacteria 1 that may have some innate sense regarding star movements.

The curious - and conerving - ! thing is that it doesn't matter when I peer throught the tele-T scope, the stars are scancely larger than they are with the maked cyc. and yet I cannot stop looking at them. I do not know why this should be. All I know is that I have been put through a test I should have preferred not to have taken. I have probably with a everything which this entails. become a telescope man.

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THE VIEW FROM BERMUDA

The discussions today between the Prime Minister and the President of the United States. will focus on the map of Europe, a map which revery day changes before their eyes. It is to be a meeting for real work, not choreographed ceremonial. The intention is not that it should produce a Bermuda Accord. The encounter is part of a programme to co-ordinate the Western response to the new challenges to European security, one of the most crucial revisions of world diplomacy since 1945.

2 Much has been made recently of Mrs Thatcher's declining status in Washington. Her plummeting opinion poll rating is noted. Her rivals within her party and among her Labour opponents have acquired new interest. The poll tax riots and prison uprisings — however transient — have been projected by television

news into a metaphor for the whole nation. To them have been added the Prime Minister's continued reluctance to join various. of Western Europe's emerging institutions, and her initial scepticism towards German unity. Since Mrs Thatcher has for the past decade been among the best known and respected of foreign leaders, her stumbles have brought a delicious schadenfreude to a capital which loves to put up idols and then topple them.

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Yet it is hardly the Prime Minister's fault that Germany has become the inevitable centre of America's European concern. Nor can there be any harm in her often eccentric relationship with President Reagan being replaced with a more businesslike link to his successor. The fluctuations of day-to-day diplomacy should not, therefore, be confused with threats to strategic interest.

The American wooing of Bonn may be mildly embarrassing to Downing Street. But Britain — and Mrs Thatcher's political allies in Europe - will benefit if American support can procure an election victory in Germany for the Christian Democrats over their Social Demo-

crat rivals. Mr Bush should at least appreciate some of Mrs Thatcher's more lasting qualities of statesmanship. Throughout the euphoria of the past six months, she has constantly had to remind her colleagues abroad that the melting of the cold war under the heat of counterrevolution means, in the short term, a new volatility in international affairs which, in turn, must generate risks and threats as well as hopes.

In the formation of foreign policy, this President has proved to be unusually reliant on the ideas of overseas leaders rather than colleagues within his own administration — a function of his long experience on the world stage. This can also isolate him from divergent domestic opinions, placing such visitors as Mrs Thatcher in an important position of potential influence.

Mrs Thatcher's is probably the most cantions, conservative mind that Mr. Bush is likely to encounter in discussion of European security. She is a long-term thinker. She has a powerful grasp of the nuances of European history, the dangers of resurgent nationalism and the difficulties of delivering grand schemes, particularly of delivering them to short deadlines. In spite of her notorious inability to convey her opinions in a tactful and persuasive fashion to foreigners, she can still bring a dose of common sense to an Administration which sometimes sounds as if it believes that the United States of Europe is just round the corner.

Mrs Thatcher was the first Western leader to recognize the significance of Mr Gorbachov. If she were to warn Mr Bush that too much was now being invested in Mr Gorbachov's survival for too little assured result, then she has a clear right to be heard.

Mrs Thatcher understands power. She understands, contrary-to current orthodoxy inside the American State Department, that there is more to the definition of power than wealth, productivity and weapons of war. Power also includes infinence by example, the force of moral leadership, the provision of models of government and society which other countries might wish to emulate. In this respect, neither modern Germany nor modern Japan can match the power of the United States and Britain separately and, even more,

ALL THE FUN OF THE FAIR

The lads in their hundreds to Ludlow come in for the fair". They did it in Housman's time, and they had done so from the days of Merrie England. Dodgems came to us from across the Atlantic only in the 1920s, but rope-dancers and contortionists came over with William the

Conqueror, ,, Children of all ages from 9 to 90 will flock to fairgrounds this holiday weekend. They will win worthless prizes, wear hats inviting strangers to kiss them, scream on the Big Dipper and feel horribly unwell on the Waltzer. They can do so in the knowledge that, although it may all be rather foolish, it is a relatively safe way of whiling away an anemoon. Cycling and norse-riding are statt tically 10 times more likely to cause them injury than funfairs.

So, at least we are told by the Health and Safety Executive on the basis of a survey by, of all people, the Safety and Reliability Directorate of the UK Atomic Energy Authority. However, the British Safety Council is mimpressed. Its director-general, Mr James Tye, described the study as "seriously flawed". Mr Tye said that the findings merely

represented the interests of fairground trade associations, such as the Showmens' Guild of Great Britain and the British Association of Leisure Parks, Piers and Attractions. The report, he said, was "a whitewash". Unthinkfalse security in the run-up to Easter, a ing parents were being bulled into a sense of

This is the sort of nannying tone to which people in this country have traditionally shown themselves to be deaf. Cakes and ale. the daring young man on the flying trapeze and playing with the gypsies down in the wood all have a deep and immemorial attraction.

One day in 1768 a former sergeant-major called Philip Astley climbed on to a horse's back and discovered that if he galloped in a

circle, centrifugal force helped to keep him upright. If the British Safety Council had been there to purse its lips, he would have been ordered off and the modern circus would not have been born. If it had heard that Charles Blondin was teetering across Niagara Falls on his tightrope on that famous day in 1859, it would have sent him a reproving message by

The report offers an assessment of the risks involved in fairground rides, sets out the accident record over a period of years and makes a number of recommendations. There are about 1,000 fairgrounds in operation. In 1987-88 there were four fatalities and 45 major injuries, a figure significantly higher than in previous years. These divided almost equally between accidents at permanent sites and travelling fairs, and the single most common cause was falls or "ejection from moving

On the other hand, statistics show that the total of Cyclone Twist rides per year is of the order of 50 million. The report makes a number of sensible suggestions about safety checks on older rides and about the need for care in reassembly. Fairground workers have greeted the idea of operator and attendant training with some scepticism. "We're the only people who know how the machines work, anyway", one man said. "I know them like my

The report also says that the chief danger at British fairgrounds is not from the machinery but from the public. No nightmare ride is as deterring as a gang of hooligans, full of alcohol and screaming for a fight of the sort that makes many country fairs uninviting for families, particularly after dark. But even this may not be so new. As Housman noted at Ludlow, "The lads for the girls and the lads for the liquor are there". The British Safety Council may have to broaden its definition of consumer interest.

STRICTLY FOR THE BIRDS

We are second to none in our admiration for Italy and its people, a nation which has come to terms with the modern world while never forgetting that life is to be enjoyed, and which, if the claims of the modern world clash with the enjoyment, unhesitatingly puts la dolce vita first. But the latest news from Rome is ominous; a little cloud, like a man's hand, hovers over both modern life and enjoyment. it's the pigeons, you see.

- The Trevi Fountain is one of the best known and best loved of all Rome's sights. More; the obligatory practice of turning your back on it and throwing three coins over your shoulder into the water (the sacrifice ensures that you will come to Rome again), is a delightful tradition, which has endured for very many years. But some bureaucrat (we never knew that Italy had bureaucrats - we thought they had all been executed along with Savonarola) has decreed that the Fountain, the tourists and the pigeons do not mix. And since the Fountain and the tourists are essential, the pigeons have drawn the short worm. Beginning in the autumn, the Fountain and its surrounds are to be electrified; wires carrying a mild charge — not enough to give the visitors a shock, but enough to cause discomfort to a pigeon - will bestrew the area. Switch on; wait a day or two till the word gets about among the leathered, and a long-standing nuisance has ended for ever.

Oh, no, it hasn't. We make so bold as to prophesy that three months after the plan has been put into execution — three months is a reasonable time for the test — the score will be

Pigeons 10, Rome 0. In the first place, the machinery will not

about - we do not ourselves assert that the pigeons will be spreading them, but cui bono? - that an American visitor fell in and was instantly electrocuted. In the third place, the pigeons have been around much longer than Rome, and have learnt a thing or two in that They will instantly acquire the skill of taking

com on the wing. They will become adent at landing on a cigarette-packet (cardboard is a very poor conductor). They will perch on the visitors' shoulders (they do so already). They will go to school to the bats, and learn how to avoid obstacles such as wires. They will drive away the electricians in charge by repeated dive-bombings. They will form an alliance with the rats, themselves long possessed of the technique of chewing through electrified wires without coming to harm. They will speed up evolution and begin to hatch double-insulated chicks. They will do a thousand and three things that we cannot even imagine. But they will not go away.

How can we be so sure? Because we have been through it all in Trafalgar Square. London, too, has suffered from the same affliction; our pigeons are as heedless as Rome's when it comes to table-manners and the other niceties. Nor can Rome take comfort in the thought that all she has to do is to ban the com-sellers; we tried that, too, and all that happened was that the pigeons brought their packed lunches and thumbed their claws at the National Gallery. Indeed, the trouble got to such a pitch that in desperation somebody seriously proposed covering Nelson's plinth with glue. Rome: cut your losses and give in. Or use the money in the fountain to bribe the work. In the second place, rumours will get pigeons to go to Venice.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From the Principal of Brasenose

Sir, A connecting thread between

the disorders in Manchester and

Bristol has been the presence of so

many remand prisoners in local

jails. For several years between 20

and 25 per cent of the total prison

population has been made up of

persons charged with criminal

offences who are awaiting trial. It

is wrong in principle, and disas-

trous in practice, that they should

be subject to the same or worse

conditions as sentenced prisoners

who have been deprived of their

The justification for pre-trial

detention is preventive, not punitive. Since the Bail Act 1976 all

accused, but unconvicted, persons

have a right to bail unless in the

judgement of the court there is a

likelihood that they will fail to attend their trial, or commit offences in the intervening period, or seek to interfere with winnerses.

imprisonment as punishment.

The consequence of sending

remand prisoners to the same

establishments as convicted and

sentenced prisoners has been to get the worst of both worlds. Local

prisons become more and more

overcrowded, causing physical

conditions to deteriorate still fur-

ther. Extra burdens of escorting

remand prisoners to and from

court, and supervising an entitle-

ment to daily visits, can only be

met by prison officers neglecting

their responsibilities towards the

work and exercise of sentenced

What is called for is the di-

version of part of the financial

resources currently allocated to the building and refurbishing of high and medium-security prisons

towards lower-security units de-

signed exclusively for the contain-

ment of accused persons who are remanded in custody.

The new remand units (NRUs),

and the escorting of pre-trial detainees to and from court.

should be separated from the

prison service which, relieved of

such a substantial part of the

prison population, would be free

to concentrate upon the urgent,

but attainable, task of providing proper conditions and regimes for

If the only practicable way of

achieving this result is by contract-

ing out new remand centres and

escort and court custody services,

under Home Office supervision, it should not be shirked.

produce only one egg each men-strual cycle, unless they receive

treatment involving super ovu-

latory drugs. Not all in vitro

fertilisation (IVF) clinics use such

drugs and the possible side effects

have not yet been fully identified.

It would be helpful if those

clinics undertaking research could

clarify whether they offer any

incentive to women who agree to

super-ovulation - e.g., priority in

getting IVF treatment or a lower

Furthermore, it has been re-

ported that women undergoing

sterlisation are offered the chance

to donate ova. This would involve

medically unnecessary administration of drugs and I would

have thought was bad medicine.

Are such women, too, offered

incentives to donate eggs? Is this

(Campaigns Director), Care (Christian Action Research

Yours faithfully, WINDLESHAM (Chairman,

Parole Board, 1982-88),

April 11.

Brasenose College, Oxford.

ntenced prisoners.

liberty as punishment.

College, Oxford

Danger of arms talks collapse

From Mr Frank Allaun Sir. Peter Stochard's report from Washington (April 10) presents the danger that the vital talks on nuclear and conventional arms this summer may be stymied. Unless Mr Gorbachov accepts the mess his country is in, the Americans suggested, he "would be out in the cold". Does this mean that Washington will require further Soviet concessions whilst the West would give little in

return?

Consider Mr Gorbachov's remarkable record since 1985. The 18-months unilateral ban on nuclear test explosions, still on offer but so far rejected, for example. Or the unconditional demobilisation of 50,000 servicemen, 8,000 tanks and 800 aircraft (December 7, 1988). Mr Shevardnadze compromised at Ottawa on the cut of US and Soviet forces to 195,000, which means a far greater reduction on the latter side, even though admittedly their existing land forces were bigger.

Even on the Nato proposal that a united Germany should be neutral the Soviet Foreign Secretary was prepared to give way, whilst standing firm against moves that the whole of Germany be included in Nato. What more could his country be expected to

In view of the way Washington has capitalised on the Soviet Union's economic weakness and its nationalities problem it is not surprising that difficulties are now arising. The American Administration has squeezed till the pips squeak, as was once said in another connection. There is still no response by Washington to the Soviet call for ending nuclear test explosions (the best way to pre-vent the bomb spreading to new nations). It is, however, some relief that the summit talks have been brought forward and will last five days.

It seems to me that the one thing which guarantees that Mr Gorba-chov is really determined on huge military reductions is his belief that nuclear and the latest conventional arms are now so devastating that they cannot be used and that economic considerations on both sides demand that tanks be turned into tractors. The peoples of the Nato countries should use their influence on their governments to see that the egotiations succeed. Yours sincerely.

FRANK ALLAUN. 11 Eastleigh Road, Manchester 25. April 11.

Embryo research

From Mr Nigel Williams (April 5) on the kidneys for sale case was entirely right in supporting Parliament's outlawing of payment being made for organ donation. I am somewhat perplexed that the Department of Health has not reached the same conclusion in relation to the donation of human sperm, eggs or embryos.

Clause 12(e) of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill, given a second reading in the House of Commons on April 2, allows directions to specify "the money or other benefit received . . . in respect of any supply of gametes or embryos". If research is sanctioned, where will scientists and doctors obtain the presumably very large number of human embryos they need for research?

I can see that there is little problem in obtaining the necessary sperm, but ova are a different matter. My understanding is that women normally

and where differences between the

prosperous south and the de-

prived north are greatly exag-

on the ground of the one country

where proportional representation

of parties - and of nothing else -

has been driven to the extreme

and to ignore, for example, the

Scandinavian countries or Swit-

zerland, surely the most stable of

all democracies in spite of its

ethnic, religious and linguistic

Israel should follow the exam-

ple, not of Northern Ireland.

vote greatly embittered the con-

been a major factor in producing

peaceful co-existence, with few

parties and government in ac-

majority.

Yours faithfully

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gerated in Parliament.

PR in proportion

Health group links

53 Romney Street, SW1.

From Miss Enid Lakeman From Miss Barbara S. Young Sir, I can think of no worse advice to Israel (leading article, April 7) and none more ill-timed, than to Sir, You report the hostile verdict on health authority mergers published by the Greater London follow the electoral example of our Association of Community Health country, where we have unchar-Councils (early editions, March acteristic riots arising from the imposition by a minority of a tax 28). May I give a different view. Parkside Health Authority was detested by the majority, where created by merger two years ago, with a primary aim being to bring our black minority has had no representation at all until 1987,

really ethical?

Yours sincerely,

and Education).

NIGEL WILLIAMS

together under one health authority the services for the people of Brent and Paddington and North Kensington, who to a large extent were already sharing the It is ridiculous to condemn PR hospital services run by two authorities. Far from happening without "any strategic approach" the merger took three years to

But perhaps its most notable success has been a positive drive over the last two years to explain

Recruiting scientists From Professor M. J. Perkins

where 50 years of the British X flict between Protestant/Unionist and Catholic/nationalist, while in the Irish Republic the single transferable vote form of PR has cordance with the wishes of the British industry.

The second paragraph of Mr J. L. Nicholson's letter yesterday should have ended "thus the lessening progressive effect of direct taxes and lation is by concentrating on very large departments in which the expanding regressive effect of indirect taxes just about offset each

Coping with conflict in prisons From Principal Officer J. R. Briggs Sir, I am distressed by the implica-

tion in your leading article, "After Strangeways" (April 6), that un-scrupulous "warders" (that term was abolished in 1921) outnumber the decent ones, making life impossible for sex offenders in Not all Rule 43 prisoners are sex offenders. Quite a lot are people

who have got themselves into debt with the so-called "barons" and cannot pay their dues. Others are people who are not equipped, mentally or physically, to cope with life in prison. Prisoners are sometimes the cruellest people imaginable. Prison is very much like a jungle: the strongest, the fittest, and the most cunning

In any institution leaders will emerge and lesser mortals will be attracted to them. Hence gangs form, creating the sub-culture of which your article speaks. Staff do their best to suppress it, but as one "heavy" is taken out of circulation another is waiting to step in.

or jurors. These are legitimate objectives of criminal justice, but they are entirely distinct from Prisoners are allowed newspapers and they also receive visits from people who read papers, so they get a lot of information about other prisoners' cases without having to rely on prison officers to tell them what is going on.

It is also a tragic fact that once a prisoner has been on Rule 43, for whatever reason, he or she is branded by the remainder of the prison population and, in most cases, can never be anything but a Rule 43, no matter how many times he or she returns to prison.

I have been a prison officer for 21 years and am proud to be one, although it is a difficult and dangerous job. I now teach new entrants the arts of being a prison officer. The training course is largely centred on dealing with people, equally and with humanity.

Yours faithfully, JEFFREY R. BRIGGS. HM Prison Service College, Aberford Road, Wakefield, West Yorkshire.

From Mr A. H. Durward Sir, Given that much of the publicity achieved and damage caused during prison riots occurs on the roofs, and assuming that the authorities are not prepared to use high-powered water hoses in order to discourage rooftop protesters, is it not possible for Government scientists to develop a liquid which could be sprayed, perhaps from a helicopter, to cover roof surfaces and protesters alike with a slippery, chill-inducing film? Yours sincerely

ALAN DURWARD. 17 Springbaven Close,

Rate for the job?

From Mr T. C. Ramsden Str. Mr David Watt (April 7) leaves me confused. He declares that teachers should not try to calculate their pay by the hour if they are to be regarded as professionals. He instances accountants and solicitors as examples of professionals - both of whom, in my experience, charge by the hour.

There is only one reason why teachers should not work out an hourly rate. At an average of 50 hours a week, and assuming (incorrectly) they only work 40 weeks a year, teachers would discover and be able to demonstrate publicly the urgent need for a massive pay increase. At, say, £10 this would yield an average salary of £20,000 - and every new work-increasing initiative would have to be costed in terms of cash as well as the very real cost on teachers' morale.

Yours faithfully. T. C. RAMSDEN, lvester Court, Wing Road, Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire.

the role and work of the new authority to its local customers and to hear in turn, their views. We have conducted a number of

exercises to communicate positively with our consumers on both general and particular interests with newsletters, mail shots, exhibitions, public meetings and questionnaires and have been commended by members of the public for the efforts we have

We value this praise and intend to continue to show that size does not hinder Parkside Health Authority from relating well to the 380,000 residents for whom we provide health care. Yours sincerely,

BARBARA S. YOUNG (District General Manager), Parkside Health Authority, 16 South Wharf Road, W2.

Sir, Mr D. B. Ll. George (April 4) expresses concern over the closure of the chemistry department at Royal Holloway and Bedford New College. There is an even greater cause for concern. The Government expects increasing student numbers in tertiary education in the late 1990s and seeks an overall shift towards the sciences. Science staff in our universities are growing old together. In chemistry, a disturbingly high proportion of the small numbers of young quality recruits to the profession soon leave for posts overseas or in

The only way that the universities might cope with the expected growth in student popustudent/staff ratios much higher

than the present norm might reasonably be accommodated. But how much talent which currently flowers in the caring departments such as ours would be stifled in such environments?

To make matters worse, the current upheavals in school science education, not to mention comparability with Europe, will soon require that the physical sciences will have to follow engineering into a pattern of fouryear first-degree courses. Yours faithfully. JOHN PERKINS.

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Church and State in new Europe

From Canon G. B. Bentley Sir. It is hard to believe that the Bishop of Durham described the legal establishment of the Churchof England as a hangover from the Middle Ages, although that is the impression left by Mr Longley's report of April 4. Establishment was of course the offspring of Tudor nationalism, which had nothing medieval about it.

At present nationalism's future is uncertain. While in Eastern Europe it is flexing its muscles, in the West the attempt to eliminate its divisive properties is threatened by megalomania in Brussels and by the possible emergence of a nationalistic Germany. If it succeeds, the West will have gone back to the cosmopolitanism of the Middle Ages.

In that event a two-province national Church going its own way without reference to the Church on the Continent will be hopelessly out of date. Canterbury and York will need to be part of a cosmopolitan Church in a cosmopolitan society - which means in practice being once more linked with Rome.

Only when such a link with the Church outside England has been forged will the Church of England be equipped to deal with dis-establishment. At present the prop of establishment is necessary to it. As things now stand there is a hope, albeit faint, that Parliament may block the more outrageous measures of that unconscionable body, the General Synod, whereas disestablishment would presumably leave the Church entirely to

the synod's mercy. The really frightening thing is that the synod may continue its work of sabotaging rapprochement with Rome, pressing prematurely ahead with the priesting of women (which has already done much damage) and perhaps drawing up an order for the solemnization of buggery. Can no one restrain its penchant for doing harm?

Unlike the Bishop of Durham, I hope that the anointing of sovereigns will continue even after disestablishment; for despite widespread apostasy and the immi-gration of other religions, this is still a Christian country in the sense that its development was moulded by Christianity. To that the coronation of the Sovereign bears witness. Yours faithfully,

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Hong Kong exodus

From Mr John L. Marshall, MP for Hendon South (Conservative) Sir, Having recently returned from Hong Kong I should like to support Lord Wyatt's views on the Tebbit", April 10). Whatever arguments may have prevailed before the Bill's publication, its defeat would have a traumatic effect upon sentiment in Hong Kong. The current exodus of skilled people could become a torrent if Britain were to renege on the Government's commitment.

Hong Kong is more than a place; it is a way of life. If the passport holders are assured of a bolthole in the event of the situation deteriorating after 1997 they will not want to leave now. The reason that citizens of Hong Kong have left for Canada and Australia is simple; their passports are dependent on a three-year residential qualification.

On the Hong Kong Bill the paths of interest and honour coincide. It would be a tragedy if it were defeated by a combination of chauvinistic racism or naked political opportunism. Yours faithfully JOHN L MARSHALL House of Commons. April II.

Eng Lit set books From the Chairman of the School

Examinations and Assessment Council Sir, Your report (April 6) could imply that the School Examina-

tions and Assessment Council has decided that there is no justification for retaining a separate GCSE examination in English Literature. This is not so. The council has issued, for

consultation purposes, draft revised GCSE criteria for English mathematics and science, as a step towards bringing the GCSE in line with the National Curriculum. That is because the statutory attainment targets and programmes of study issued by the Department of Education and Science for those subjects apply from 1992 for pupils starting GCSE courses in that year. The council has not decided whether the existing English literature criteria should be revised. Yours faithfully,

PHILIP HALSEY, Chairman and Chief Executive, School Examinations and Assessment Council, Newcombe House, 45 Notting Hill Gate, W11.

Easter message

From Mr John Deam Sir. A leaflet from the local supermarket contains the advice that on Good Friday alcoholic drinks can only be sold from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Yours faithfully, J. H. DEAM. 94 Northover Road.

Westbury on Trym, Bristol, Avon. April 9.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE April 12: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh visited Newcastle upon Tyne today and were received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Tyne and Wear (Sir Ralph Carr-Ellison). Her Majesty and His Royal Highness attended the Maundy Service at the Cathedral Church of St Nicholas, where The Oueen distributed the Royal

Maundy, and subsequently at-tended a reception in Cathedral The Oueen and The Duke of Edinburgh were received by the Bishop of Newcastle (the Right Reverend A A K Graham) and the Provost of Newcastle (the Very Reverend N G Coulton).

Afterwards The Queen, with The Duke of Edinburgh, honoured the Lord Mayor of the Coulton Newcastle (Councillor T.

City of Newcastle (Councillor T Cooney) with her presence at luncheon at the Civic Centre.

This afternoon The Queen opened the Royal Suite at Heathrow Airport, London and

was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Greater London (Field Marshal the Lord Bramall) and Sir Norman Payne

(Chairman of BAA plc). Her Majesty toured the Suite and unveiled a commemorative plaque.

The Lady Farnham, the Right Hon Sir William Heseltine and Wing Commander David Wal-ker, RAF were in attendance. The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron, this afternoon visited the

Royal Northumberland Yacht Club, Blyth. His Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Northumberland (the Viscount Ridley) and Mr Bruce Grant (Commodore).

The Princess Royal, President, Royal Yachting Association, this afternoon visited the Children's Optimist Course, Papercourt Sailing Club, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Surrey (Mr. Richaed Theoreton) Lord-Lieutenant for Richard Thornton).

Shedding new light on ship burials

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

thought of as the privilege of Anglo-Saxon nobility, a notion reinforced by the rich treasure from Sutton Hoo found in 1939. A recent discovery a few miles away from that site suggests a different answer, however: that boats were buried with the adherents of particular

pagan deities. The suggestion comes from Mr William Filmer-Sankey of Oxford University, who recently excavated a boat burial at Snape, Suffolk, close to the site of the Aldeburgh Festival and only 10 miles from Sutton

"It is less magnificent than the Sutton Hoo burial, more a dinghy than a ship," he says in Current Archaeology. "But why should an otherwise ordinary burial have been made in a shio?

"Ship" is perhaps an exaggeration: Mr Filmer-Sankey's excavations showed it to have been a log canoe, just over 3 metres (10ft) long and 70 centimetres (2ft) wide. The body had dissolved in the acid sandy soil, leaving only a stain, and the grave goods were few, including an iron knife and the buckle and stud from a belt.

There were also a pair of cows' horns, of which the tips survived together with sufficient traces to show that they were about a foot long. Mr Filmer-Sankey believes that European preshistory. they were drinking horns, something only otherwise was educated at Cambridge

contradicts in every way pre- made the university's Disney vious finds, Mr Filmer- Professor of Archaeology and Sankey says. It is a tiny canoe Ethnology. instead of a magnificent ship, has a mixture of humble personal possessions and or an institution that has high-status items - the horns - and finds its best parallels not with the great Swedish ety or social science. boat-grave cemeteries but

Memorial service

ated. Mr Richard Sadler

and Mr Robert Sadler, brother,

Sadler, brother, Miss Lindsay Davis, Miss Jane Mishcon, Mr

read the lessons. Mr

Miss M.A. Sadler

SHIP burials have long been with earlier Iron Age logboat graves on the Baltic island of Bornholm.

Why, he asks, in an area where many people must have owned small boats, did only a few of them finish up covering or filling graves?

He suggests that the solution proposed for the Slusegard graves on Bornholm also applies at Snape: the burial in a boat symbolized adherence to a specific family of pagan German deities, one of whom in Viking times owned the magic ship Skidbladnir.

The wider implication of this, Mr Filmer-Sankey prooses, is that variation in burial rites may indicate polytheistic differences in religious beliefs, rather than different social layers in Anglo-Saxon society, as many scholars have hitherto supposed.

Source: Current Archaeology 118: 348-352.

Briton wins Erasmus prize

Amsterdam

BRITISH archaeologist Professor John Grahame Clark has been awarded the \$100,000 Erasmus prize for 1990, the Netherlands foundation announced yesterday.

He won it for his fundamental contribution to theoretical thinking within Professor Clark, aged 82,

found in rich Anglo-Saxon University where he has pursued his entire career. After The Snape burial thus the Second World War he was

The Erasmus prize is awarded annually to a person made an exceptional contribution to European culture, soci-

Church news The Ven Trevor Nash, Archdeacon of Basingstoke, to be executive coordinator of the A service of thanksgiving for the life of Miss Margaret Anne Sadler (Mrs John Parry) was bishops' advisers programme, beld yesterday at St Martin-in-Acorn Christian Healing Trust, in the autumn. He will work The Rev John Pridmore with the trust's co-founder, the Right Rev Morris Maddocks, on

the healing ministry. Church of Scotland

Derek Gray, chairman, S.G. Associates, Mr Geoffrey Bell Retirements and Mr John Parry, husband, paid tribute.

Ordinations and inductions

Translations The Rev M Leigh Fisher, from Cld Fallith and St Modan's to Weilington, Clasgow; Rev G Hutton B Steel, from Alva to Williamwood, Gasgow; Rev Tontas Bisek, from Condorrat (Assoc) Cumbernatid to Govannili Trisity.

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SCIENCE REPORT

Sizing up schizophrenia

Saddath's team used a

gests that there are subtle, but characteristic, anatomical differences between the brains of schizophrenia patients and those of unaffected people.

Several groups of medical researchers have reported that schizophrenics have slightly 15 pairs, simply by looking at enlarged cerebral ventricles the scans. In two pairs, there (fluid-filled spaces in the brain), but these findings are controversial. The problem is that ventricles vary greatly in size in the general population and in schizophrenics: there is a large overlap between those schizophrenics with the smallest ventricles, and unaffected people with larger-than-usual

Richard Suddath, and col-leagues from the National Institute of Mental Health in Washington, report an ingenious approach to the problem in the March 22 issue of New England Journal of Medicine (vol 322, pp 789-794). They looked for differences between the brains of identical twins, one diagnosed example, could cause the as schizophrenic, the other not. Since identical twins share the same genes, and usually grow up in the same environment, their brains those of two people selected at

brain-scan technique called Magnetic Resonance Imaging to look at the brains of their volunteer twins. The researchers found that they could identify which twin was schizophrenic in 12 out of the and the wrong twin was picked

out only once. Detailed measurement of the brain-scan images confirmed the differences. The schizophrenics had larger ventricles, and a part of the brain called the hippocampus was smaller. In seven pairs of identical twins with no history of schizophrenia, the same research showed their brains

to be very similar. Suddath and his colleagues accept that the slight abnormalities in the brains of schizophrenics may not be 2 feature of the disease itself. Drug treatment or a failure by schizophrenics to eat well, for

However, they think a drug side-effect is unlikely, because other researchers suggest that schizophrenia patients have should be more similar than enlarged ventricles the first time they are admitted to

The new results will not, by themselves, help in the di-agnosis of schizophrenia, or allow doctors to predict if a person is likely to become schizophrenic — the overlap in ventricle sizes between schizophrenics and the general population is too great. The ological basis of schizophrenia is, however, poorly under-stood and the identification of characteristic features among schizophrenics should lead to a better understanding, and eventually, perhaps, to more effective treatments.

research is needed to find out whether the changes in brain anatomy are a cause of schizonhrenia or are secondary effects of the disease. Changes in the concentrations of neurotransmitter chemicals (these municate between nerve cells) may be the underlying problem in schizophrenics, but they might result in the death of some brain cells as a sideeffect. This could explain the shrunken appearance of the hippocampus on Suddarth and colleagues' brain scan images, and the enlarged ventricles.

Peter Aldhous

IVAR LO-JOHANSSON

Ivar Lo-Johansson, the reforming Swedish novelist, essavist, and autobiographer, has died aged 89 on April 11. He was born on February 23,

He produced one of the most sheerly imposing, even Dickensian, bodies of work in 20th-century Scandinavian literature. He might easily have shared the 1974 Nobel Prize for Literature (the 'Swedish year") with his contemporary, Harry Martinson. In the event another contemporary shared the award, but this was simply because the committee felt that Eyvind Johnson had made more gestures towards the modernism they favoured. Also Lo-Johansson had not hidden his contempt for certain Swedish literary lumi-naries in his book,

Few writers have contrib-uted more to their country's culture in the widest sense. As perhaps befits what is usually taken to be the paradigm of the European welfare state, the tradition of autodidactic, proletarian literature is very strong in Swedish letters: not only Johnson but also Jan Fridegård, with whom Lo-Johannson was closely associated, and Villem Moburg - all of them major Swedish writers - came from very poor backgrounds.

Förlattaren.

Ivar Lo-Johansson was born in Osmo, near Stock-holm, and his father (like Fridegard's) was of the class of statare, farm labourers receiving not money, but payment in kind. Ivar had very rough beginnings, and performed many menial tasks before he was able to establish himself, around about his 30th year, as a travel writer, short story writer, and poet. He had given himself an impressive education in the toughest school of all and, like many Scandinavians before him — Kout Hamsun is the outstanding example - he picked up



and understanding from extensive travel abroad.

It was Lo-Johannson who, in a massive series of novels, drew epic attention to the grim situation of the share crop-pers, and who certainly deeply influenced the humane direction Swedish politics took thereafter.

Godnatt, Jord (1933), (Good Night, Earth), and its successors, have rightly been compared with Steinbeck's The Grapes of Wrath in their capacity to depict the lives of the oppressed and thus, sometimes, almost sub-human. Another parallel is to be found in the American Erskine Caldwell's novels about the share croppers of Georgia.

The opportunity to trans-late Lo-Johansson's series of one that has so far been critics regard as his master-missed. Only Lyckan (1962) piece: Bara en mor (Only A imaginative art. His inter-(Bodies of Love, 1973), is Mother). In this tale of the available in English, but this share cropper woman Rya-

book is about the circumstances in which mature love may operate, and, although an excellent example of Lo-Johansson in his psycho-sexual vein, is not representative of his main body of work with its savage thrust towards

Goodnight, Earth was followed by Statarna I-II (1936-7), (The Share Croppers) and Jordproletarerna (1941) (Proletarians Of The Earth).

In Kungsgaten (1935), (King's Street), he dealt quite as masterfully with "the lower decks" of Stockholm as seen by a couple of naive farm lads. This, with its bleak account of candour.

In 1939 Lo-Johansson pubnovels into English is certainly lished the novel that most profound man capable of one that has so far been critics regard as his master- producing, at his best, great

not too often found in Swedish fiction: tautness and

Lo-Johansson afterwards embarked upon a series of autobiographical novels, quieter in tone than the furious early work, with Analsabeten (1951) (The Illuerate), a deeply-felt tribute to his father, who struggled to maintain his individuality and independence in almost impossible circumstances. It is to this autobiographical series that Lyckan belongs.

Others works include Gardfarihandlaren (1953) (The Peddlar), and Författaren (1956) (The Writer), the last about the Swedish literary scene of the 1930s. This body of work, while necessarily uneven, is staggering in its meticulous attention to detail, its sincerity, pragmatism, and commitment to decency and

The non-fiction Alderdoms-Sverige (1953), (Sweden For The Aged), led to reforms to old people's homes. Elektra (1967) is a science-fiction fantasy satirising - though in good-natured manner unpleasant technological developments of the future.

Lo-Johansson also wrote a series of novels devoted to particular vices, for example, Girigbukarna (1969), (The Misers), and Loghalsarna (1971), (The Liars). His indignation at corruption never diminished, and he was always a stern critic of it.

In extreme old age Lo-Johansson remained almost as prolific as he had always been, Pubertet (1978), (Puberty), being the first volume of a series of non-fiction memoirs.

In his long life of struggle for prostitution, shocked many justice, he produced many readers by its extreme pamphlets of a philosophical nature, demonstrating that he was no naive protester but a

Rya, he displayed qualities. Peter Wright, VC, furmer and Coldstream Guardsman, died aged 73 on April 5, 1990. He vas born on August 10, 1916.

PETER WRIGHT, VC

King George VTs intervention made sure Wright was awarded the VC for his bravery. Wright had received the DCM (Distinguished Conduct Medal) from the King who was not, however, satisfied that award was sufficient, so when visiting Italy he asked General Alexander to have another look at the facts and inform him personally of the outcome. The DCM was cancelled and the VC awarded

A painting by Peter Archer of the action hangs in the Wellington Barracks. The courage it depicts came near Salerno on September 25, 1943, when Wright was a company sergeant major with the 3rd Battalion of the Coldstream Guards. The Germans, faced with the allied landing on September 9, at-tacked after putting in five divisions as a barrier.

Fighting back in the counter-attack, Wright's battalion met heavy machine gun and mortar fire as it assaulted a wooded hill and all the officers in the right hand company were killed or wounded trying to reach the

So Wright took charge, stole forward and found three heavy machine guns holding up the Guards' attack, Having positioned a section to give covering fire, he made a oneman advance, knocking out each machine gun post with grenades and bayonet.

His persistence took him on to the crest with his company but when enemy fire made their position untenable he went to reach the objective via a different route.

The citation reads: "Entirely regardless of enemy fire, which was very heavy, CSM Wright then reorganised what was left of the company and deployed it to consolidate the position. Soon afterwards the

enemy launched a counter attack which was successfully

beaten off. "Later, with complete dis-regard of heavy enemy shel-fire on the area of company headquarters and the reverse slopes of the hill and of machine gun fire from the commanding slopes on the left flank of the position, he brought up extra ammunition and distributed it to the

"It is due to this Warrant Officer's superb disregard of the enemy's fire, his magnificent leadership, and his outstanding beroism through-out the action that his battalion succeeded in capturing and maintaining its hold on this very important l objective."

Born at Mettingham, Suf-folk, Peter Haroki Wright went to work on his father's farm until he enlisted in 1936 at the age of 20 in the Cokistream Guards, Back in England after his wartime service in Italy he was posted to a training battalion, which also involved guarding Win-ston Churchill at Chequers.

Wright farmed near Stowmarket in Suffolk until his death. He was always prominent in the farming life of the county and highly regarded.

He is survived by his wife, a son and two daughters.

JOHN TURNER

ANTONY JENNINGS

Latest wills

Bernard Antony ("Tony") Jennings, the BBC's Legal Adviser from 1977 until ill-health forced him to retire last year, died aged 50 on April 10. He was born on May 29, 1939.

most of his wide knowledge

re-elected by overwhelming the other inhibitions on free-Broadcasting Union.

Though he would never himself have claimed credit, he did indefatigable work in steering through a re-assessment and re-affirmation by the EBU of its values and public recognition of its achievements. With Dr Albert Scharf, of West Germany, as its President and Jennings at the head of its Legal Committee, the EBU was wellserved in its lawvers.

en recognised early in his BBC career. After an initial period as a member of the BBC Solicitor's Department, advising journalists and programme makers on defama-

of 34. He added to his repertoire

the skills required of a lawyer looking after the BBC's "show business" operations. His talents as a negotiator of agreements, in a decade when the BBC's straitened financial circumstances often gave him almost no room for manoevre, ensured he would thereafter be in constant demand when the over the Legionnaire's Disease big deals were to be done. In outbreak, for example.

Professor Edward Michael Dar-mandy, of Compton, Chichester, West Sussex, Emeritus Consul-tant Pathologist to Portsmouth and Isle of Wight Pathology Service and Emeritus Clinical

Service and Emerican Chinical Professor of Pathology at Southampton University, who built the first renal dialysis machine in Britain in 1945,

using part of the exhaust from a Spittire for the central core and

cellophane tubing for the mem-branes, left estate valued at £106,638 net.

Miss Margaret Prudence Draper, of Back Lane, Cross in Hand, East Sussex, left estate valued at £1,353,595 net. She

left her estate to her relatives.

Mr James Jerram Briggs, of Palace Gate, London W8, left estate valued at £944,442 net.

He forgave certain loans and left £200,00 to Mr and Mrs A Santos in addition to any wages due at his death; a piece of furniture

and 122 parts of the residue to other personal legatees; 63 parts of the residue for such charitable

purposes and in such propor-

tions as his trustees shall deter-

mine within two years of his

death; and four parts of the residue to Royal St George's Golf Club, Sandwich, Kent.

Mr Walter Thomas Shiers, of

Lord Broxbourne, QC, 80; Air Vice-Marshal Sir Bernard Cha-

ksfield, 77: the Hon Alan Clark,

MP, 62; the Right Rev R.N. Coote, former Bishop of Col-chester, 75; Mr Liam Cosgrave,

former leader, Fine Gael Party, 70; Mr Beverley Cross, playwright, 59; Mr Peter Davison, actor, 39; Professor Gordon Donaldson, Historiographer to

The Queen in Scotland, 77; Mr

Edward Fox, actor, 53; Mr

Justice Harman, 60; Air Mar-shal Sir Kenneth Hayr, 55; Mr-Seamus Heaney, poet, 51; Lord

James of Rusholme, 81; Mr

Gary Kasparov, chess player, 27; Mr Howard Keel, singer and actor, 71; Canon J.N.D. Kelly,

former principal, St Edmund Hall, Oxford, 81; the Duke of Martborough, 64; Mr Jonjo O'Neill, racehouse trainer, 38;

Miss Margaret Price, opera singer, 49; Sir Stephen Roberts,

former chairman, Milk Market-

ing Board, 75; Baron Thyssen-Bornemisza, 69; Lord Wedder-burn of Charlton, 63;

Licutenant-General Sir James

de Vientisa

Birthdays today

Jennings's potential had 1977 he was clearly the right person to appoint as the BBC's was also lengthening. There Legal Adviser.

The BBC's legal agenda was the Performing Rights Society to be a long one. What was the and Phonographic Perforvalidity of the Sinn Fein ban? What did the Home Sec-Only a few months before tion, contempt of court, retary's Notice actually mean? retirement Jennings had been official secrets legislation and Could the BBC challenge the warrants documents the vote to a further term as dom of expression and police produced when they Chairman of the Legal Com- information, he was ap- arrived at BBC Scotland to mittee of the European pointed to succeed in 1974 as take away the Zircon tapes? Head of Copyright at the age What would be left of the BBC's Charter independence if the SDP succeeded in its court attack on the BBC's allocation of election broadcasting time? These were among the constitutional questions raised during his

> Alongside them ran major litigation that called for legal management of a high order:

Weybridge, Surrey, left estate valued at £1,135,202 net.

Mrs Kathleen Elsie Price, of

Axminster Road, Charmouth, Dorset, left estate valued at £161,233 net. She left a personal

legacy of £500 and the residue equally between the RNLI and Cancer Research Campaign.

Other estates include (net before

tax paid): Mr Thomas Oswald Ashton, of

Wivenhoe, Essex £460,859. Mrs Stella Bridge, of Easbourne,

East Sussex £627,162.

Mr Reginald Arthur Brough, of Normanton on the Wolds.

of Hexham, Northumberland £550,445.

Mrs Elizabeth Jill Frank, of

Mr Victor Edward Lister, of Maidenhead, Berks ... £468,974.

BIRTHS: Thomas Wentworth.

1st Earl of Strafford, statesman, London, 1593; Jean Pierre Crousaz, philosopher, Lau-sanne, 1663; Frederick North,

2nd Earl of Guilford, prime

minister 1770-82, London, 1732; Thomas Jefferson, 3rd

president of the USA 1801-09, Shadwell, Virginia, 1713; Tho-

mas Beddoes, physician, Shiffnal, Shropshire, 1760; Ri-

chard Trevithick, pioneer of

railways, Illogan, Cornwall 1771; Eudora Welty, novelist

Jackson, Mississippi, 1909; John Braine, novelist, Bradford,

DEATHS: Jean de La Fontaine,

Anniversaries

Hants.

Mr Roy Blackett Chariton,

.... £721.163

.... £591,285.

Monopolies and Mergers BBC's control of its programme listings: Jennings argued the BBC's case. In 1979 BBC Enterprises was established as a commercial operation, with all the

were agreements to reach with

mance Limited: he led these

negotiations. The archives

needed to be opened up for

exploitation: Equity and the

Musicians' Union had to be

persuaded to agree. The

complex deal-making that that entailed. He was accompanied during his last illness by Dr Salvatore Santagati, with whom he had shared many happy years of

The BBC's business agenda John Stanleigh Turner, who was a leading figure in the development of Britain's coal and aggregate industries, has died at the age of 91. He was born on July 4, 1898. In the industry in pro

nationalisation days, he held colliery managing directorships and was president of various coal fuel research and utilisation bodies. During the Second World

War he was a member of the British Industrial Delegation to the United States and Canada and of the National Arbitration Tribunal.Turner was Vice-President of the Mining Association of Great Britain from 1943-46 and Deputy Chairman of the East Midlands Division of the National Coal Board from 1946-49.

Burton on Trent, he was the elder son of Sir John Turner, a working colliery manager who had built up the South Derbyshire business of the Moira Colliery. He was educated at Repton and was commissioned and wounded in the First World War.

In 1950 he became Manag-ing Director of Trent Gravels (now a subsidiary of RMC Group) and later chairman. His association with the extractive industry grew to encompass ready-mixed concrete and, during 1967-68, he was Chairman of the British Ready Mixed Concrete Association. From 1968 till 1988 he served successively as Chairman and then President of the Sand & Gravel Association.

His wife, Ann, died in 1981; Born in Donisthorpe, near he is survived by one son.

his life. **Good Friday services** Britannia Royal Naval College

Dartmouth The Princess Royal took the salute at Lord High Admiral's Divisions held at Britannia Royal Naval College on April 5 when the following officers under training passed out from under user the college: Acting Sub Lleutenante: J P Bowers: R E Brunswick: N B Clarke: G C Dayles: G J Daylson: T J Eldridge: P F Hannigan: M Jagger: D A Ridd. Hannigan: M Jagger: D A Ridd.
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R S Kandrick.
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P J Barron: E G Bath: T J Rillington:
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Wills: I H Wrightson.

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Juma Moosa; R B Kean: A A Khaliam
Nasser: A A Khamais Khalian: S A
Charnis Salim; M A Mohammed
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Grabam: R. Gray; B. J. Hall: P.
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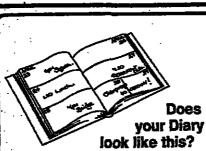
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A French lesson in flair and adventure

John Russell Taylor reports from Paris

on a series of exhibitions that

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τe the French really more cultivated than we are or is it merely that there is more money available for culture in Paris? Either way, one tries in vain to imagine any of the current shows in Paris, major or minor, comfortably ensconced in some London gallery.

Consider, for example, the Filonov retrospective (Centre Pompidou, to April 30). There is no doubt that Filonov was an important figure in Russian art of the early 20th century, but in Russia itself he was isolated and not widely understood, even before his fall from political grace in the late Twenties.

This show was a revelation when I saw it in Leningrad 18 months ago, and is almost as surprising now. But where else in the West, other than at the Centre Pompidou, could one see such an ambitious show (50 paintings and 150 drawings, virtually all of Filonov's surviving work) devoted to a dead foreign painter

hardly anyone has heard of? The work itself, with its frantic multiplication of images, is difficult to describe; it is not really like anything else. Filonov (born 1883) simultaneously embraced Cubism and Symbolism. His images are fragmented in a way loosely suggestive of the Cubists, but without much reference to external reality: rather, he creates a world of allusions in which the coloured segments break up the mother's face to imply tears, or the human figures are multiplied like the ranks of saints in an icon, or abstracted until they look like maps of an unknown country. It is not clear what the French make of Filonov, but how wonderful to have the chance to see it.

At least Tony Garnier, subject of a gigantic show staged by the Centre de la Création Industrielle downstairs at Beaubourg until May 21, was a French architect. and one who could prove especially sympathetic to present preoccupations because of his Utopian ideas on the integration of industry into the natural landscape.

It would seem that he found little for his comfort: after 1918 he concentrated largely on projects connected with death, mostly unbuilt. But even at his liveliest, his dream cities seem more necropolitan than metropolitan, inhabiting a world where it is always very late afternoon. And again, one wonders where in London a comparable show could be put on: the CCI has the advantage of an inclusive brief and large galleries always at its disposal, unlike, say, the RIBA.

Nor can one imagine in London either of the shows which appear. in different ways, to be paying tribute to this era of deconstruction. At the Louvre it is the pictures which are taken apart, in Polyptyques (to July 23). At the Musée d'Orsay the body itself, in Le Corps en Morceaux (to June 3).

Both shows propose interesting and curious themes, at a time when theme shows are widely assumed to be box-office poison; they could be staged only where the number of paying customers is a minor consideration. But perhaps the French are more cultivated after all - large numbers of people seem to be paying the price to discover the extraordinary uses to which artists through the ages have put portions of the

chosen to break down their large compositions into smaller, mutually dependent sections.

In Le Corps en Morceaux, naturally, the story of John the Baptist features prominently. Likewise the hands of writers or musicians, the feet of dancers, though never, apparently, the larynx of singers. The effect of unintentionally fragmented ancient sculpture on modern taste is chronicled, and we also meet Rodin in an unfamiliar guise as a maker of curious assemblages in which small figures of his own are combined with ancient pots and primitive wood-carvings.

Polyptyques is more sober and scholastic. Here the surprise is provided by the astonishing range of materials, from medieval altarpieces to Bacon and beyond. Whether it is Magritte cutting up a nude lady into five distinct features, or Gustave Moreau compiling a secular iconostasis dedicated to the Life of Man, or an anonymous 14th-century Englishman giving us a CinemaScopeshaped progressive Life of the Virgin, there is no doubt about the continuing vitality of the form over many centuries.

Van Dongen is the subject of another sizeable show, at the Musée d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris until June 17. Though Dutch, he can presumably be sneaked into French hearts as a member of the all-embracing Ecole de Paris. (The same argu ment could no doubt be applied, if more shakily, to the originally-Czech Kupka, who preceded him

at the same museum.) Both Van Dongen and Kunka have suffered slightly in fame and critical fortunes because no one knows exactly where to place them. But at least Van Dongen, by travelling, has achieved international exposure.

The present retrospective shows him in a good light. He is surely as



"Head of St John the Baptist": a high-relief bronze by Bohumil Kufka from Corps en morceanx

life-loving as his fellow Fauve Matisse, though his delight in beautiful women (naked when possible) seems at times to have its

He is less weighty than Matisse: more likely to be distracted by social glitter (if his ladies are wearing diamonds they unmistakably sparkle), perhaps to the detriment of the eternal verities.

Then there are the wonderful early Fauve canvases, with their readiness to experiment in composition as well as in colour, the weird later pieces of symbolism, and even, for good measure, a few dour pictures of gloomy Dutchmen to show where it all started. He loved Paris; Paris loved him, and is clearly ready to

● Paris shows recommended by John Russell Taylor

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heights of ambition seem to

Blinding glimpse of the obvious

DANCE

John Percival

Les Ballets Jazz Sadler's Wells

THERE is no reason why jazz ballet has to be down-market. Jerome Robbins, Twyla Tharp and Alvin Ailey have shown that clearly enough. This hased company, aiming for a popular audience, prefers to play safe, avoiding anything which might be thought demanding. Even at this level, however, there are degrees of quality.

The Canadian choreographer Brian Macdonald, represented in by Mauricio Wainrot, who comes play down to an audience.

this week's programme by Red Hot Peppers, an all-male ballet to music by Jelly Roll Morton, works at a different level from the other choreographers who have made works for Les Ballets Jazz. This doubtless has something to do with his background, equally at home in classical ballet and directing operas, especially Gilbert and

His is a style not particularly original but thoroughly pro-fessional. *Peppers* embodies a joke whereby one dancer pretends to be old and creaky but almost manages to keep up with the agile young men around him, whose sleek solos form the main action. It is lively, smooth and assured.

The rest of this programme is all

from Argentina and is now based in Germany. There is nothing in his four works as good or as awful as last week's extremes, and he does let us hear some good music, especially by Morton Gould and Astor Piazzolla.

Not a chiché is left unused in his comy tribute, if that is the right word, to Janis Joplin, not a slick trick unexploited in his show-off duet for Hua Fang Zhang and Yvan Michaud, like ice-skating on dry boards. His tango ballet skimmed its potential only superficially; I thought how much better Hans van Manen and Oscar Araiz (one balletically, the other theatrically), handled this material. But of course, they both believe that art is entertaining and need not

with their international hamburger president. Over in Red Square, where the queue to see his corpse takes a little longer than the two hours needed to get a Big Soviet Mac, Lenin is presumably spinning in his tomb. Meanwhile, somewhere faintly in the background, behind the noise of the new chip-fryers and the beef-sizziers, I seem to

Dumping

the junk

TELEVISION Sheridan Morley

WHEN a Central Television exec-

utive told me a few weeks ago that

he was living in a flat above a

McDonalds, I uncharitably as-

sumed that either he or his

company had fallen on hard IIV

times, and that the relevant ham-

burger emporium was somewhere

in the Midlands. It numed out to

be in Pushkin Square, where the

man is now selling old television

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As for the Moscow McDonalds.

that merited a whole 40 Minutes commercial on BBC 2 last night,

which contrasted the capitalist

nature of hamburger distribution

with the essentially anti-capitalist

nature of its newest consumers,

most of whom regard junk food as

a vast improvement on Muscovite

But things in television usually

go in twos, and there was another

hamburger show on BBC 2 a couple of weeks ago, in the Small

Objects of Desire series. This established beyond reasonable

doubt that hamburgers are simple,

unpretentions, rugged, elemental, egalitarian, anti-intellectual, and

Yet in the Soviet Union, where

fast food is a contradiction in

terms, and people still strike for

supplies of soap (though presumably not to eat), McDonalds has

achieved a doubling of the

London hamburger price against a

background of staff costs which

are half what they are in the West.

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fact that the uniforms may be the

first well-cut clothes the staff who

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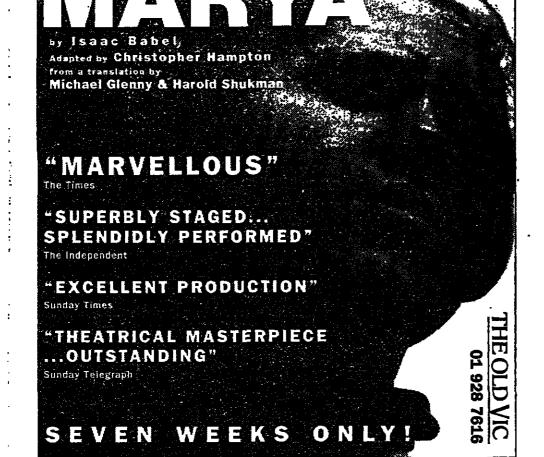
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troika-ed viewers.

Earlier in the evening, or Channel 4, Judith Wechsler's Painter's World series, now at the halfway point, continues to be a superb, sharp lesson from Boston in the best of American arts programming. This week she was considering the nude in painting through the ages, from the lifeclasses of today back through six centuries of body worship. On this evidence, our own Open University still has a lot to learn about teaching the appreciation of cul-



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production has clearly gained from being shipped to London from Stratford, where wise voices last year found it fussy, strenuous and too self-consciously funny. At its best, it is now spare and clear enough. On last night's evidence, John Caird has made good use of his director's plane and sandpaper, paring the theatri-cal effects and releasing the play's innate sensitivity, charm and

Mark you, the charm, if not the clarity, takes time to arrive. For pleasure, the dinner-jacketed nobs of Duke Frederick's court grimfacedly tango under neon lights, breaking off only to urge Andrew Tansey's beefy wrestler to do unspearean things to Jerome Flynn's Orlando: "get into him", "break his neck". A moment later, heavies with guns are tracking the hero, their electric torches cutting like lasers through the murk. The period, for no especially good reason, is the 1930s.

It is a nasty place, this tinnot tyranny. Nor is the Forest of Arden much more healing, at least at first. On the contrary, those gathering upon its green mange and beneath its lowering skies look as if their new home is a transit camp without the comfort of huts or the safety of barbed wire. In their ill-fitting overcoats and woollen hats, they might be

wandering unemployed, or refu-gees from Nazism, or both. "Heigh-ho the holly, this life is most jolly," lugubriously sings a lordling, slumped beside what seems to be Mother Courage's cart; and it is hard to see why.

Still, this is winter, a time the most optimistic exiles from Frederick's court concede to consist of "bitter skies" and "icy blasts". Before long, bluebells and reeds are sprouting from the sward with a resilience paralleled by the human population, particularly Sophie Thompson's Rosalind. Her task is to embody spring, renewal, and hope, and she performs it with quirky glee.

The result is very different from

the romantic heroines of yore. Her Rosalind is part waif, part tom-boy, a naïve, gawky girl who can mug and fool, tickle an irritating friend, but also play purposeful games when the time comes. With that bewildered heart-throb, Flynn's Orlando, you feel she is testing the sexual waters, readying herself for the plunge itself. Per-haps we do not fully believe her claim, that her affection has "an unknown bottom, like the Bay of Portugal"; but she is cetainly on the way to being, as she also says, "fathoms deep in love".

The production's fault is, per-

haps, a tendency to stress the obvious. That debonair ironist, Hugh Ross's Jacques, is already outsider enough without having to roam the forest in shiny black shoes and neat black suit, like a Viennese sophisticate in search of a gentlemen's club. However, there are strong performances from Alan Cumming, a painfully lovelorn Silvius; Mark Williams's



Sophie Thompson: an embodiment of spring, renewal, and hope

sour, red-headed Touchstone, an alternative comedian before his time, and from Gillian Bevan as Celia, quietly giving weight to the unrewarding part of Rosalind's

At first she exudes the mild. jealousy, the exasperation at being obliged to play gooseberry, that other Celias have found in the role. Her special contribution is a

barely concealed disgust at what she regards as the triviality of the disguised Rosalind's teasing of Orlando. From her the line "you have simply misused our sex in your love-prate" is no joke, but a criticism a later age might even call feminist. Love is to be taken seriously: that is the production's genially communicated conclu-

Unnaturally poetic prisoners

Jeremy Kingston

Deathwatch

Finborough

IN THIS faithful and, on several counts, exemplary production of Genet's prison drama, Graeme Messer defines the rectangle of the cell with a single course of granite sets. No door, no barred window, no bars between the prisoners and the audience. But his three inmates begin the play with their backs turned to us - slumped on a stool, on the bed, curled up on the floor - and after taking their final bows, they return to the same positions. For all we have learned about them, so this device suggests, we are no closer to feeling how to deaden the voice without life as these two petty criminals paralysing it. The numbed, dulland a murderer feel it. In this regard, we are even worse

off than the empty boaster, Lefrance consumed with envy of. Green Eyes, who strangled his girl on the spur of a moment. Lefranc's deliberated attempt to do likewise damns him as an outsider, lacking the integrity Genet perversely manages to find ing forward into Green Eye's face. in his aloof, heroically squalid. The play comes to us across

One of Genet's directions asks for the play to unfold "as in a dream", another suggest the actors should "deaden the timbre of their voices". The first is open to any number of interpretations, and dream-like than others. The second poses a problem for the actor: envy.

eyed speaking of Jamie Sewell's Green Eyes comes across as passionless, not passions controlled

Mark Dabernig plays Lefranc as a scowling, treacherous clerk in an entirely naturalistic style, and Nick Sutton does the same with the waspish, flirty Maurice, lean-

The play comes to us across nearly half a century and its dainty period language now sounds ridiculous when the characters wax poetic. Did ever murderers talk of turning into roses? Even French munderers? Opaque, unclear and flowery whenever it Messer's is neither more nor less speaks of crime, the play still packs a punch when it times to

Je Vien LED

Mark Debernig (left) and Jamie

Sewell struggle in Deathwatch

Fuel to the racist view

FOCK ALBIAS **David Sinclair**

Public Enemy: Fear of a Black Planet (Def Jam 466281-1)

THERE has been an all-round upping of the ante in the rap stakes since Public Enemy released the classic, It Takes a Nation of Millions to Hold us Back in July 1988. De La Soul has ashered in the so-called daisy age with its trippy pacans to love and peace and a generally more harmonious existence. On the darker side, a posse of sudden death warriors including Ice-T and Niggers With Attitude has come to prominence with a virulent strain of gangster rap that glorifies new extremes of manly violence with repetitions recourse to the most drab of undeleted expletives.

Fear of a Black Planet comes well supplied with stickers -"Warning! Certain lyrics may offend", "Play with caution" but I am glad to find the album's dynamism puts it in a different league to the punderously re-barbative doggerel of NWA.

Public Enemy is obsessed with issues of race and power — both physical and political — and the album is guided by the kind of tendentious reasoning that proceeds from the premise of a worldwide conspiracy to destroy the black race" to assertions that even Elvis Presley was a "straight-up racist" ("Fight the Power").

Although they have eased back on the strens, klaxons and screeching whistles, the album boasts the same hustling and oppressive energy, faciled by an anger verging on apoplexy, that distinguished It Takes a Nation. The sound of gunshots, acroplanes, and a back-ground pandemonium of milling voices create an ambience of urban paranoia, while words like "fear", "terror", "knife" and "riot" spring out of the melee with



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Public Enemy: obsessed with race

Public Enemy has assiduously courted controversy and apart from being very good, this album will bolster the number-one outlaw status in which it so plainly revels. It is a pity that this album is more likely to fuel any hurking "fear of a black planet" than to

Fleetwood Mac: Behind the Mi (Warner Bros 7589 26206-2)

The latest round of traumas to beset Fleetwood Mac saw singe Shevie Nicks literally chasing her former beau, guitarist Lindsay buckingham, out of the house. He has been replaced, in the band at least, by two singing guitarists, Hilly Burnette and Rick Vito, and deathless saga continues. Yet no matter how turbulent their well-advertised private lives become, the band's music continues to sound as lush, bland and vacuous as one of those "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous"

Behind the Mask is an especially limp offering which, I suspect, even dichard Mac fans will find light on good songs, Buckingham's absence is felt in the writing department and numbers such as Burnette's "In the Back of my Mind and the Vito/Nicks composition "Love is Dangerous" suffer from crushingly obvious chord sequences and a lack of

The best of a weak bunch are Christine McVie's businesslike romp "Save me" and Vito's "Stand on the Rock", a little riff gilded with a lyric which goes something like "My love is like a rock...Your love is like the

Larry McCray: Ambition (Point Blank VPBCD 1)

After several decades of shying away from the music that, as a rule, drove their fathers and grandfathers into pentury, black American musicians are rediscovering the bines. Robert Cray has demonstrated how, given a sufficiently imaginative approach and the right marketing strategy, it is possible for a "bines artist" to transcend the specialist phetto and sell millions of tecords.

The latest of the "new blues" artists is Larry McCray, recently signed up on a new British label, Point Blank, which has been formed with the avowed intent of selling blues-based acts to the mass market. McCray, a longe slab of a man who used to work on the General Motors assembly-line in Detroit, has a gruff, occasionally wayward voice and a blistering guitar technique. He writes his own songs which are soulful amalgams of blues and rock.

Ambition certainly comes highly recommended as a pol-ished, commercial proposition that is rooted in the blues while holding no truck with any purist notions of 12-bar formulas and

"Woke up this morning" lyrics.

But at times the album sounds over-produced. Many of the tracks are swamped by the sort of busy horn arrangements that remind me of early Chicago, and it sometimes sounds as if McCray has been pushed too far, too fast. However, when he gets to loosen his collar on the rather less frantic "Secret Lover", he recalls the marvellous Clarence Carter. This is certainly an artist to look out for in the future.

Dave Edmunds: Closer to the Flame (Capitol EST 2113) Bespoke producer and musical director to the stars, Dave Edmunds finally gets around to organizing one of his own increasingly sporadic releases. No one abers what the last one was, and sadly, this too will quickly be forgotten, despite its quaint rock n' roll charm, and excellent performances by Jim Keltner, the Memphis Horns and others.

Apart from a simple lack of interest in his career as a solo act, Edmunds's problem is an overreliance on other people's seconddivision material. Here we have two Mickey Jupp songs -the lightweight "Don't Talk to Me" and "Stockholm" - just for starters. Still, the title track has a warm, relaxed groove with some wonderful brass section fanfares: "Sincerely" is a likeable slice of big band swing, and there is a lively rockabilly strut, "King of Love" featuring Brian Setzer and Lee Rocker of the Stray Cats - certainly enough to keep the bank manager happy until the next offer

of outside work.

Jamaican musician Lee Perry, re-emerging after a long period of semi-retirement, talks to David Toop

Man, myth and magician



o much has been written about the early development of popular music, yet some central questions remain unanswered. Why, for example, have Phil Spector, Brian Wilson and Lee "Scratch" Perry, all of whose record productions were associated with the dramatic expansion of the possibilities of the recording studio, suffered public episodes of strange behaviour or even mental breakdowns, and

long periods of low creativity? Spector, inventor of the so called "wall of sound", has lived as a recluse in his Los Angeles mansion for some years. Wilson, after nearly 30 years with the Beach Boys, has settled, seemingly, into a solo career under the constant Draconian guidance of a highly paid therapist named Dr

Eugene Landy. Now Lee Perry, one of the most important figures in the convoluted history of reggae, has emerged from a personal wilderness with a new record which, at least in part, justifies his legendary status as a magician of the tape

When you meet Perry face to face, magician seems the apposite word. A wiry, slightly wizened man with a mischievous look about him, he was born in St Mary's, Jamaica, in perhaps 1939, though nobody is sure. Festooned with coins, pendants, feathers and badges, he could be a rock 'n' roll eccentric, an Obeah man hung with the trappings of Afro-Jamaican folk magic, or one of the bizarrely clad urban homeless.

The ambiguity enhances his mythical status and he clearly

enjoys the fact that people think he is quite mad. "Rocking and recling, having a ball, swinging and singing, strait-jacket and all," he sings on "Secret Laboratory", the title track of his new album. Interviewers, then, should beware of the tongue slyly planted in Perry's check.

He belonged to three different churches in his youth, the Holiness Church, the Church of God and the Ethiopian Orthodox, and tends to describe both musical motivations and the technical processes of recording in imagery that would suit an Old Testament prophet. What could be dismissed as quasi-mystical gobbledegook makes sense if related to Perry's work, which has constantly drawn upon Jamaican folklore and

language Some of Bob Marley's best work, for example, was achieved with Perry in the years 1969-1971, and some songs that they recorded together contain hidden meanings referring to the British colonialist era and the proscribed cult practices of Jamaican slaves, including their belief in Duppies (ghosts)

At its best, Perry's work has transformed the recording studio. The original purpose was to record a musical performance, but Perry's approach - as titles such as "Secret Laboratory", "Station Underground News" and "Musi-cal Transplant" imply — was a cross between electronic and evangelist, gossip columnist and Dr Frankenstein.

"The studio must be like a living thing," he says. "The ma-chine must be live and intelligent. Then I put my mind into the

controls and the knobs or into the jack panel. The jack panel is the brain itself, so you've got to patch up the brain and make the brain 2 living man, but the brain can take what you're sending into it and

A substantial body of influential, exciting music was made in the 1970s at his Black Ark studio, named after the Ark of the Covenant. The level of impiration was high during this period, with Perry pushing limited equipment to extremes. His attitude to the sources of his inspiration is unorthodox, to say the least. "It had something to do with the location of the studio," he claims. Because it was build on a godly plan to make holy spiritual music, got support through the weather

to make space music." Perry has released countless records since 1959, either as producer or performer under names such as The Upsetters. To hear tangible evidence of what it means to "patch up the brain" would, until recently, have cost the considerable sums demanded on the collectors' market for obscure Jamaican 45rpm records. but thanks to a growing fascination with popular music's past, both Trojan and Island records are now engaged in an extensive reissue programme.

Perry has no objection to seeing his life repackaged on compact discs. "Keep my memories alive," he says and embarks on one of his characteristic, semi-patois lit-anies. "Keep my roots alive. Keep my ideas alive and it keep my creation alive and it keeps my inspiration alive. Makes sense."

Riper in colour than character

CONCERTS

Hilary Finch Joan Rodgers

Wigmore Hall

JOAN Rodgers has returned to the Wigmore Hall for the first time since her début there in 1983. The years between have taken her to Covent Garden, Paris and Glyndebourne, and a young personable Pamina, Zerlina and Susanna has bloomed into a full-

voiced soprano of no uncertain Few English sopranos have a

Barry Millington BBC SO/Salonen

Festival Hall

THE latest offering in the South Bank's valuable Szymanowski series was the Stabat Mater of 1926, ginatively programmed alor side Debussy's Jeux and Sibelius's Fifth Symphony. It is one of Szymanowski's finest and most personal works, though not as lusciously scored as some by "Poland's Last Romantic", as the South Bank series title has dubbed

Indeed, the score's chaste austerity is its most striking feature. Meditative harmonies and ostinato patterns frequently bring to mind Stravinsky's Symphony of Psalms: a contempora-

quick vibrato of such ripeness and colour, few, too, could have carried off so tirelessly a full programme of Tchaikovsky, Dvotak and Rachmaninov with such assurance and linguistic ease.

Rodgers has eager, instinctive breath control, the ability to whisper the opening of a phrase only to propel its crescendo into warmth and light, and the skill to stage-manage the less free regions at the top of the voice so that an audience is barely aware of any shortfall. The ardour of Tchai-kovsky's "Yesterday Night" and "At the Ball" was well served; the sentle contours of Dvoták's melodies of the Eight Love Songs, Op 83, artfully moulded; the pas-

neous work that similarly blends sacred and secular to provide a composition for the concert hall inspired by a sacred text.

Esa-Pekka Salonen's masterly handling of the BBC Symphony Orchestra and Chorus (supported by the BBC Singers) allowed the lamentation to unfold with a more touching for its simplicity. The duetting of soprano and

mezzo soloists against an unaccompanied chorus in the fourth movement was beautifully done by Jill Gomez and Bernadette Greevy, providing the performance's high point, with Gomez floating her ecstatic line exquisitely. The more forceful utterance of the following movement, in which the baritone soloist proclaims his participation in the suffering of Christ, was splendidly

sionate rhapsody of Rachmaninov and, later, Tchaikovsky given full voltage. Roger Vignoles illumined and inspired by robust and vividly imaginative accompanying.

Something, though, was missing. Among the catalogue of indisputable assets, I felt a nagging absence of character. One stage in Rodgers's performance is still embryonic, and that is the unique engagement of the artist with the particular artistic life she is recreating. Wooed by the excellence of the instrument and the quality of its presentation, we are drawn in to a performance only generalized in its responses and therefore circumscribed in its power to move.

delivered by David Wilson-

Johnson. In the Sibelius symphony, Salonen succeeded in the tricky operation of integrating the series of sections, with their different tempo markings, even though conventional transition passages are often lacking. The gradual emergence in the finale of the "big on the brass, from the depths of the orchestra, was only the last of a succession of finely calculated events. The account of Jeux had been

no less satisfying. The gentle surges and recessions of Debussy's superb score, and the translucence of the orchestration, were impressively realized. Rarely does one hear so precise an execution of what Debussy was aiming at when he said he wanted the orchestral colouring of Jeux to be as though Stephen Pettitt

RPO/Downes Festival Hall

OURS is a strange museum culture, in which the icons are old pieces, and audiences flock to hear their record collections in the concert hall. Predictably, then, the audience for what was intended as a grand finale to the South Bank's Maxwell Davies season was shamefully low.

Nothing in this programme, given by Edward Downes and a Royal Philharmonic Orchestra peppered with new, young faces, could have done anything but stimulate the open ear and mind. Sir Peter chose all the pieces himself, which guaranteed that, but there was plenty of emotion around, too.

In fact, it was an evening meet for those of nostalgic disposition. The first half began with Stravinsky's Monumentum pro Gesualdo; then came Bartok's Third Piano Concerto, essentially his last completed piece. Its sweetly Americanized flavour is famously at odds with the newness and toughness of its two predect the characteristic brilliance of its finale and the magical evocation of the middle movement's nocturnal core. Janina Fialkowska played with facility and clarity; perhaps to make its proper impact the concerto needs to sound more difficult.

But the prime objective of the concert was Davies's own monumental Third Symphony, first performed in 1985 by Downes with the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra. This huge, complex or-

ganism heaves itself into life with a slowly accelerating first movement. There are two rather sinister scherzos for middle movements; and as in Maxwell Davies' opera Taverner, they sound like reflections of each other. The Mahlerinfluenced finale, dark, slow and dramatic, has much to do with the approaching death of the composer's parents at the time of the music's composition.

It may not be an easy work to



Davies: Mahlerian influence:

assimilate, but its blatant opposition of pitch centres, its use of readily identifiable, plainsong-related melodic themes and of clear, strong intervals, its dramatic orchestration (the final, loud entry of the timpani, for instance), and above all, its brave emotional directness do make it an approachable one. The RPO, after a slightly shaky start, rapidly improved to give a fine perfor-mance of what is possibly a

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Adrian Dannatt introduces an adventurous New York

rock club currently on its way through Europe

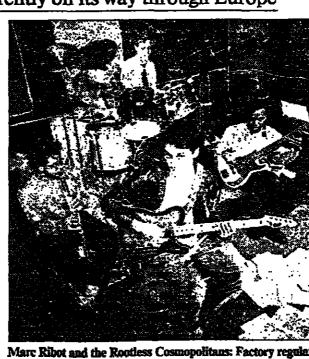
"MOST clubs make their money selling drinks. Our typical regular will make one camomile tea last them all

Michael Dorf's club is the Knitting Factory. Even by the standards of New York's contemporary arts scene, it is an unusual place, as Londoners are about to discover. For this Sunday and Monday, the Knitting Factory is trans-planted to the South Bank, for two shows of "Downtown Music from New York City

at the Queen Elizabeth Hall. Located on the very Houston Street from which SoHo gets its name (SOuth of HOuston), and just round the block from the late Keith Haring's Pop Shop, the Knitting Fac-tory is little more than a bar and two tiny rooms. Yet in the three years it has been operating, this dingy basement has become the most renowned and adventurous of new musi-

Its influence extends far beyond its limited resources, financial and spatial. Evidence of its international reputation is found in its current 40-date European tour, which is being promoted under the Knitting Factory banner rather than by individual groups. Subtitled "Seven Shots of Downtown New York City", the two QEH concerts feature everything from the "avant rock" of Miracle Room to the hard, "post be-bop" of Sonny Sharrock, All that really matters is that they are guaranteed by the Knitting Factory, proof

in itself of excellence. As well as having a regular slot on 210 US radio stations, the Factory has released a pair of records of live work (packaged as TKF Volumes I and II, rather than by the artists'



Marc Ribot and the Rootless Cosmopolitans: Factory regulars

names). These are the first of what is expected to be a long series of such discs. The Factory has also been lured uptown to organize a programme of music at the Lincoln Center. Michael Dorf's creative ear is much in demand throughout America: he has a secondary career as a freelance concert organizer. The secret of the Knitting

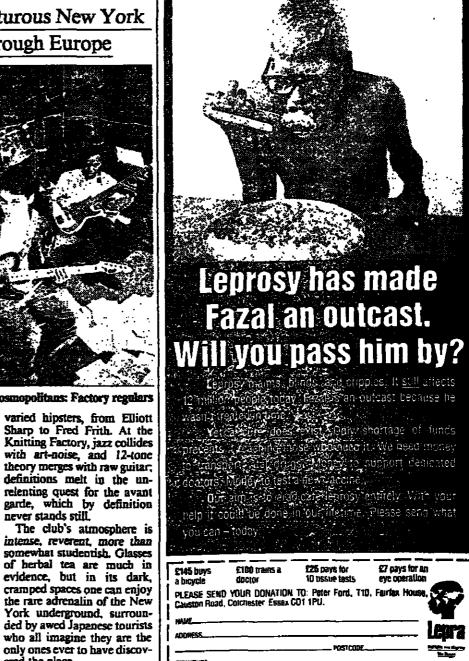
Factory is probably the versatility and charming eclecticism of its programming, and the clubby, secretive atmosphere of its hot and crowded cubbyholes. Whether that atmosphere will transfer successfully to the concrete concert-bunker on the South Bank is a moot point.

Factory stars such as James Blood Ulmer or John Zorn are complemented by a roster of music academy drop-outs and

Sharp to Fred Frith. At the Knitting Factory, jazz collides with art-noise, and 12-tone theory merges with raw guitar, definitions melt in the un-

never stands still. The club's atmosphere is intense, reverent, more than somewhat studentish, Glasses of herbal tea are much in evidence, but in its dark, cramped spaces one can enjoy the rare adrenalin of the New York underground, surrounded by awed Japanese tourists who all imagine they are the only ones ever to have discov-

ered the place. • The Knitting Factory is at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SEI (01-928 8800) on Sunday 15 and Monday 16, at 7.45pm.



Keeping house for the nation



modest to say so - she will merely tell you how helpful and invaluable other people are – but if it were not for her the National Trust would probably be preserving very little by now, the precious contents of its mighty residences gnawed by the tooth of time and the chomping of untreated beetle. The expertise of some 20 conservationists who now embrace our heritage exists thanks to her endeavours.

Miss Stainton has just retired as housekeeper to the National Trust. *Her contribution has been immeasurable," says Dr Nigel Seeley, the NT's surveyor of conservation.
"She was fundamental in setting up the conservation service and building a permanent infrastructure to deal with preventive conserva-

The result of her labours is the Manual of Housekeeping, which has become the standard work of reference for anyone who owns antique pieces - of furniture, silver, china or almost anything else. The manual has been so successful that a revised edition is planned, and the NT has now made a video, primarily intended for staff training but also available to museums and the public at a cost of

According to Miss Stainton, we can stop mopping and polishing and scrubbing right now. The proper way to preserve furniture, china and silver saves hands, time and a fortune on cleaners.

Out go Mrs Beeton and her instructions to "immerse silver in clean, hot soapy water with 1 thisp of ammonia", in consequence of which, Miss Stainton says, "a great deal of etching on silver is no more". The National Trust's approved method is to clean silver thoroughly, a tiny bit at a time, using cotton wool swabs dipped in Goddard's Silver Dip. Rinsed, dried - first with a soft linen cloth, then finished off in the airing cupboard — the shine will last for two years.

In her 30 years with the National Trust. Sheila Stainton (left) has rewritten the book on the preservation and care of antiques. Eluned Price reports

"The Petworth silver, which is not behind glass, has lasted a year," Miss Stainton says, "and could easily last another." Furniture, she says, needs polishing only once a year, using a simple wax easily made at home; for the most part, details and could be a part. dusting and gentle brushing with the right bristles is all that is required. What about Mrs Beeton's instructions for the Upper House-maid that "the rims and legs of tables, the backs and legs of chairs should be rubbed vigorously daily"? "Far too fierce," Miss Stainton says. They might begin to creak.

Dr Seeley admits the term housekeeper "is a little unusual" not to mention misleading. "The

Furniture, she says, needs polishing only once a year, using a simple wax made at home

housekeeper and her five assistants are trained conservators responsible for maintaining and monitoring all the houses and their contents in different parts of the country, as well as training the staff who actually run the houses. Until Miss Stainton came along, maintenance was entirely based on outside advice given when the need

"In the old days," says Helen Lloyd, Miss Stainton's successor, if something broke or collapsed in one of the bouses, it was just sent round the corner to someone who could do the odd repair. Miss Stainton changed all that, and the trust became the first to apply museum practices to the conservation of houses." The NT has moved from its role of prudent householder to treating its ac-

quisitions, as it says in the video, "like patients in intensive care". Miss Stainton has worked for the NT for the past 30 years, originally as a freelance textile adviser and then in establishing the Textile Conservation Centres at Hampton Court, near London, and Erddig, near Wrexham, Clwyd. In the beginning conservation consisted of herself advising on textiles, and Hermione Sandwith advising on the care of pictures. There were no permanent advisers in other fields. no standards of maintenance, and no structure for organizing every-

day conservation.
Miss Stainton says: "The houses which the trust acquired had been looked after by the families who had owned them." The trust just carried on as if the family was still living there. When the way in which the trust cared for its houses was compared with what was done in museums, it was criticized.

There had been the most enormous scientific developments in conservation — about the destructive properties of light, heat and humidity - and here was the trust instructing its staff to 'care for the houses as if you were a prudent householder," she says.

Householders, however prudent, do not usually coat the windows with ultraviolet-absorbent varnish, or whirl hygrometers to measure the relative humidity of the dining rooms. Few of the NT houses even had sun blinds. So, in 1974, the two women wrote the first draft of a guide to the practical care of old houses and their contents - a manual of preventive conservation based on the advice of art and

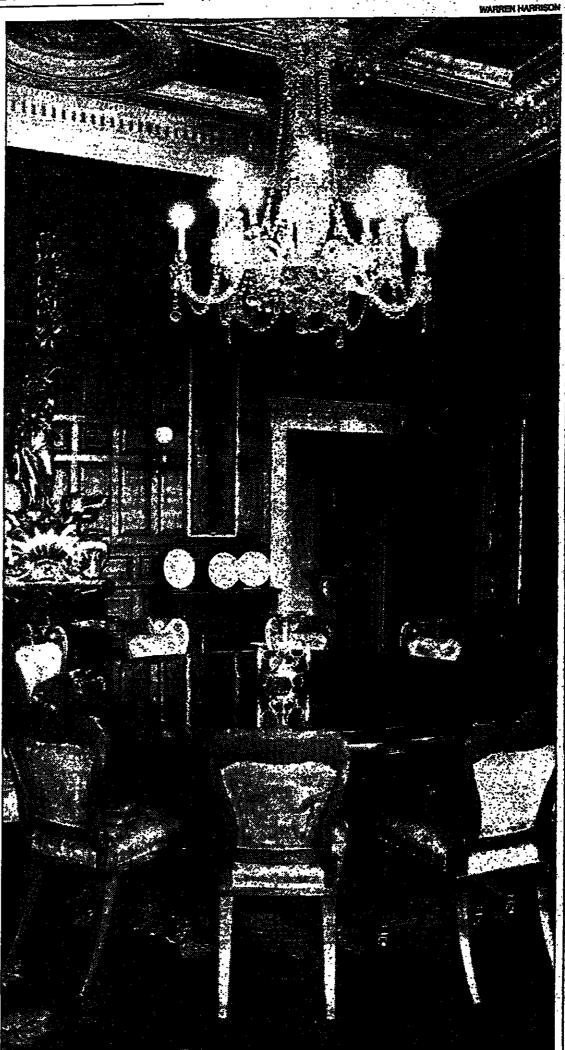
Appointed housekeeper in 1977, Miss Stainton gathered together a formidably professional team and a system of conservation which was to be adopted throughout the world. As a result, she has been awarded the Life Achievement Award for services to conservation by the National Art Collection Fund, and the Medal of Honour by the International Castles Institute. Through her, the NT has suc-

between presenting houses that look as if they are lived in, and according them the benefits of scientific conservation methods. "You don't want to have to put

ceeded in maintaining the balance

everything behind ropes," Miss Stainton says. "The houses have to

◆ Details of the video, Keeping House, are available from the Nat-ional Trust, 36 Queen Anne's Gate, London SW1H 0AS (01-222 9251). © Times Newspapers Ltd 1990



Making light work of preservation: typical National Trust treasures, at Kingston Lacy in Dorset

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Starting young

The latest offering from green consumer gurus John Ekrington and Julia Hailes is published this week. The comprebensive information about practical ways to save the planet contained in The Young Green Consumer Guide (Gollancz, £4.99), with clear information and advice on improving the home, the supermarket, garden and neighbourhood, should have thousands of children pestering their parents to convert to a greener way of living.

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Not drowning, waving

I SUPPOSE that when Noah was sawing away at the gopher wood, everyone else was merely shrugging at the prospect of the waters covering the face of the earth. After all, here we are again - millenniums later - contemplating the greenhouse effect with an astonishing display of sang-

We are in Suffolk, anyway. I keep my ear pressed to the sinking ground of these eastern counties, but have failed as yet to detect any general hysteria. This week we would have had the excuse: with the National Rivers Authority preparing its report, it has been made more or less official that we in the low-lying and scantily populated eastern margins must find our future on the seabed. Urban property, said the Government, is the main priority.

Even more alarming, Whitehall has indicated that the final decision on what to let go will rest with the Minister of Agriculture, John Selwyn Gummer. Now Mr. Gummer has a constituency (Suffolk Coastal) which slopes perilously downwards at the edges, and you might think he would fight doughtily for his margins; but perhaps not equally for all of them. Some of us may be that bit too marginal: last week, perhaps rather rashly, our low-lying council ward of Plomesgate electrified the county in a byelection by returning its first Labour councillor since Noah. The first concrete sign of anti-greenhouse action has come from an Aldeburgh boatbuilder, Russell Upson of swallowed the small one, and to install a periscope. Slanghden. His old black wooden shed, redolent of Peter Grimes, has long been a welcome feature of the riverscape. Last year it sud-



For those in peril: one Aldeburgh household is ready

door the original shed peeped over whether to rebuild its out. Eventually the big shed clubhouse, and if so, whether Armageddon, he is ready. as we happen to be suffering

denly grew a huge tin cara- Next door, the Aldeburgh pace, a hangar through whose yacht club is still agonizing

Mr Upson showed us his new Farmers have reason to empire and the lofty ceiling quake, and some of them over what happens. So why gallery housing his office. campaigned strongly for the Come the high high tides of new sea wall at Aldeburgh. But

wring your hands about floods. They also expect compensation: I know one bird fanatic who farms a salty bit of riverbank and has a secret dream. One day he hopes to be overwhelmed by the sea, paid half-a-million, and be left with the pleasure of looking out - not over a load of demanding and quarrelsome sheep, but over acres of wonderful bird-haunted mudflats. Others have an entrepreneurial attitude. As one said when we contemplated a particularly low-lying farm: "You'll have 10 years barley, 10 years edible seaweed, and a good future as a

an abominable drought, it is

difficult to stare into a dry

pond and simultaneously

Perhaps as time goes on we will all get round to panicking. But I have my doubts. Suffolk is fatalistic: many of us suspect that Sizewell B will get us first anyway. Or perhaps one of the American bases will launch another raid and bring us home a retaliatory Islamic bomb. Or maybe it is even simpler: a vague sense of having been here before. Evcry coastal village has plaques showing the great flood of 1953; Dunwich has a score of medieval churches chiming their ghostly bells under the sea; and anyone can tell you that the round tower of Theberson church was originally the stone lining of an antediluvian well. In a place like this you accept that history is full of marvels and tragedies, and that the Mr. have really very little power MARCHANIA

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Galapagos — origins to endings

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under pressure - principally pelago is in danger of losing Also in The Times tomor- Jacobson writes affectional from the recent spread of the those extraordinary qualities row, Ray Connolly talks to about the French capture. human population and from a that have enabled it to survive CND campaigner Bruce Kent suggests places to all a boom in tourism. In the as a natural wonderland, a about his childhood. He restaurants to visit in a place where strange creatures remembers hearing that the continuing series on say Green and Green Charles Bremner reports from such as giant tortoises and atom bomb had been dropped. Cities

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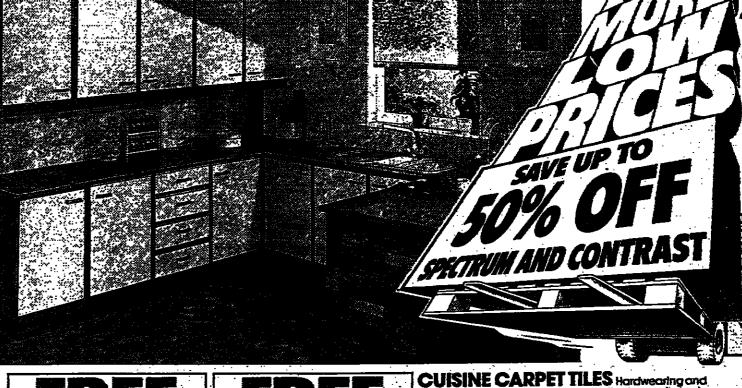


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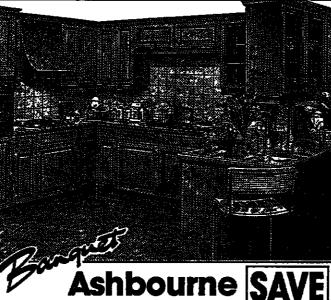
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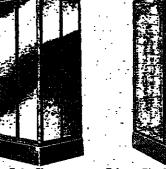
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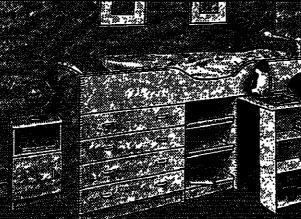
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As Britain heads for the traditional 'white-knuckle' thrills of

funfairs and theme parks for the Easter weekend

Sally Brompton discovers the biggest danger is getting there

over the water on a policie of the matter of the control of the co or fairground than during the A Health and Safety Exec-

unive (HSE) report has esti-mated that children are seven times more likely to be in-volved in a road accident on sion on an amusement ride. Reassuring though the find-ings may be, there is still concern among the fairground hierarchy over the 80 or 90 accidents which happen every ness," says Anthony Harris, senior vice-president of the Showmen's Guild of Great Britain and chairman of its

While the fun of the fair now comes in hi-tech packages which can cost anything up to

weekend hurtling director and general manager through the air or of Thorpe Park, in Surrey) the chances are that if there is going to be an accident, it's

> There are around 250 travevery year. Between 1981 and amusement rides. The funfair and theme park owners insist that most of the accidents are job," says Richard Cousins, a tions. Anyone obviously under the influence of alcohol is not allowed on to a ride but lager louts still manage to put increasing problem.

amilies planning to lot of safety for a million have to address," says Mr spend the Easter pounds," says Colin Dawson, Harris who, as the thirdgeneration proprietor of the Pat Collins Funfairs, has 42 fairs in the family business. He estimates that about 20 per cent of last year's (1989) accidents were caused by

The HSE's 57-page Code of Safe Practice at Fairs, issued going to be on one of the more in 1984, did much to improve popular rides such as the safety conditions on amuse-dodgem or the waltzer." ment rides. Guidelines laid ment rides. Guidelines laid down by the Showmen's volved in a road accident on elling fairs and 15 theme parks Gmild and the British Associ-their way to such an outing in Britain which account for ation of Leisure Parks, Piers than during a two-hour sessimore than 500 million rides and Attractions (BALPA) require their members to have 1988, 23 people were killed annual inspections of all their and 220 seriously injured on rides by independent

year. There is no room for the result of passengers failing director of consulting encomplacency in this business," says Anthony Harris, to conform to safety regularities. Anyone obviously expert in the field of fairground equipment. "Safety standards have most certainly improved over the years but themselves and others at risk we still find things . . special and drugs are becoming an modifications that need to be done." Insurance companies "It's very difficult to know also expect an up-to-date £1 million for a single piece of if somebody is on drugs and it certificate of safety from an equipment ("you get an awful is something we are going to independent specialist before

Riding high: they might be screaming, but passengers on the Transylvania, a 35mph hanging roller-coaster at Chessington are in safe hands expensive, with inspectors issuing public liability charging an average rate of around £100 an hour and the Mr Cousins supports the major "white knuckle" bits of

equipment such as rollercoasters taking up to two have the power to close a ride down if we consider it unsafe days to inspect. but it is very, very rare for Thorpe Park, Britain's oldest theme park which was failure in equipment. But in built in 1979 on a 500-acre everything there's always room for improvement." former gravel pit in Surrey, employs 40 permanent maintenance engineers to look after its 70 rides and attractions. All of Thorpe Park's ride operators are issued each

green card from a mechanical lifeguards, round-the-clock engineer to confirm that the computerized maintenance rides have been tested. In 11 years, there have been two serious accidents.

Waterparks such as the ones belonging to the £34 million Dutch-owned Center Parc in Sherwood Forest, where a three-bedroom villa costs £232 for a weekend of rolling, splashing, diving and riding through steaming lagoons, require their own safety measures. At Center Parc and its sister village in Elveden Forest

an electrical engineer and a in Suffolk there are trained and strict regulations. On a more modest scale,

water slides such as the two run by Splashdown Water Slides in Bradford and Solihull are inspected once a year by independent experts who check the steel and fibre-glass tubes. Accidents are rare, according to Splashdown's Solibull supervisor, Mark Bailey, and mainly "self-inflicted by customers attempting to do things they're not allowed to gerous behaviour results in the perpetrator being removed and/or hanned

At Thorpe Park, Mr Dawson says, the rides are extremely sophisticated and have built-in failsafe mechanisms, the larger rides are computer-controlled and there are start-up tests every day on every ride. It would seem that the public perception of the danger and excitement is much greater than the actuality - but don't tell the



Devizes to Westminster Inter-pational Canoe Race: Annual 125-mile race open to any two-person crews. It starts beside wharf car park, Devizes, in Wiltshire, at 7am and finishes on Monday Sesside County Hall steps, Westminster Bridge, in London, at about 9.15am. Consult a map to find good vantage points along the Kennet and Avon Canal and

Year of the Horse at the Army Museum: All on an equine theme - competitions, trails and prizes. On Tuesday at 2pm the film "Cavalry"; on April 20, 2pm, the "Hands on History" talk and chance to um's collection.

National Army Museum, Royal Hospital Road, London SW3. (01-730 0717). Tomorrow until April 20, Mon to Sat 10am to 5.30pm, Sun 2pm to 5.30pm. Free.

Jonsting tournament: Penultimate chance to see the Jousting Association at around the country offer dis-Chilham before it moves to its new home at Tapeley Park. Grounds open 11am on Saturday, tournament from 2pm. Also falconry displays, licensed restaurant, free

Chilham Castle, near Canterbury, Kent (0227 730704). Sunday, Mon. Adult £4.50, child £2. Every third child admitted free.

Down on the farm: See cows being milked, baby animals fed. Also a discovery room and a "touch table" for children to handle the animals. Meadow Farm, West Stow, near Bury St Edmunds, in

Suffolk. Today, tomorrow, Sun, Mon, 2pm to 5pm. Adult £1.25, children 75p. Easter at Scape Maitings: Young musicians and international artists combine in a series of concerts in and around Aldeburgh, in Suffolk,

and the Snape Maltings concert hall from today to Mon-Forther information and booking (072 453543). Easter Parade: Best-known

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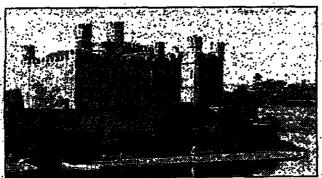
Battersea Park, London SW11. Sunday. Entertainments from 12.30pm, parade from 3pm. Free. West of England International Boat Show: Boats of all shapes, sizes and prices both under cover and affoat. Nu-

merous exhibitions, trade stands, clubs, advice. Bristol Exhibition Centre, Canon's Road, Bristol. Today until Tues, 10.30am to 5.30pm, late opening and rework display to 9pm Wed, I lam to 4pm. Adult £4, child

£2.50, family tickets (2 adults 2 children) £10. 23rd Norfolk Easter Antiques Fair: Quality fair with dealers selling a wide range of

St-Andrew's Hall, St Andrew's Plain, Norwich. Today 11am to 8pm. Tomorrow 11am to

pm. Aster at Longlest: New arrivals this year include a baby white thinoceros and a giraffe. Also open this week, a leisure simulator in which to experience diverse thrills - from dog ighting in a bi-plane to skiing Here are some ideas to help answer the Martin's Place, London WC2 perennial cry of 'what shall we do'



Longlest House and Safari Park, Warminster, Wiltshire. (09853 551). Daily 10am to form. Admission to house, park and all attractions (except simulator), adult £8, child £6. Simulator £1.

Crafts at Thoresby Park: Visiting craftspeople from demonstrations and goods for sale. Refreshments. Thoresby Park, in Nottinghamshire, between Ollerton and Worksop. Tobetween

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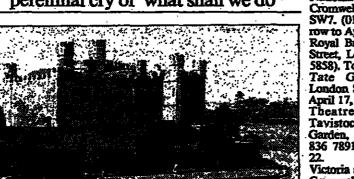
tasks. Tours to watch the activity at half-hour intervals The mill kitchen, fully licensed, sells homemade food. today; adult £1.50, child £1.

child £2.75. West Midlands Antiques Fair:

censed bar and meals. Sutton Coldfield town hall. Today, tomorrow 11am to 5pm. Admission £2 includes catalogue

National Gallery Trail: Quiz sheets for children - early readers, juniors and seniors on the subject of feet. Also a competition, with prizes. National Gallery, Trafalear Square, London WC2 (01-839

Natural History Museum at Easter: The Discovery Centre will be open throughout the holidays — an ideal medium for children aged seven to 11, in which to explore the natural world in a "hands on" environment. If you want to



features in this production of the children's classic. The Playhouse, Derby, Today, tomorrow, morning and afternoon performances. Further

cleaning as it would have been in 1837 with the housekeeper and her skivvies about their today from 11am to 5pm. The mill and apprentice house are also open tomorrow to Monday inclusive, 11am to 5pm. Quarry Bank Mill, Styal, Wilmslow, Cheshire. Tours

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5pm. Adult £1, Child 50p.

Leeds Castle, Kent, where an Easter egg hunt will be held

tory collection is an Natural History Museum, South Kensington, London SW7, 24-hour recorded information (042 6927654). Museum open Mon to Sat 10am to 6pm, Sun 1pm to 6pm. Adult £2.50, child £1.25.

The Wind in the Willews: Richard Gill, founder and former director of the Polka Children's Theatre, now has his own company - the

information and box office (0332 363275).

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Good horological section at this 30-exhibitor fair. Li-

Sat 10am to 6pm, Sun 2pm to 6pm. Quiz sheets from the quiz desk, Orange Street entrance. Free.

5858). Today to April 22. Tate Gallery, Milibank, London SWI. (01-821 1313). April 17, 18, 19, 24 and 26. Theatre Museum, 1E Tavistock Street, Covent Garden, London WC2. (01-

Victoria and Albert Museum, Cromwell Road, London SW7. (01-938 8500). Tuesday

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llam-6pm. Adult £2.50 child £1.

All About Weel: Exhibition of work by contemporary designers and makers in Wales with many related workshops ing months including over the Easter weekend, wool hanging, weaving demonstrations. 10.30am-5.30pm.

Next Wed and Thur, chil-House, Bridge Street, Chepstow (0291 625981). Un-til May 13, Mon to Sat 11am to lom, 2pm to 5pm; Sun 2pm 75p children: Harness Horse Parade: An-

Veterinary inspections from 9.30am on Saturday, followed by judging of classes and grand parade of winners from noon to 1pm. Regent's Park, Inner Circle, London NW1. Mon. Free.

Hot Cross Bun Ceremony: 200-year old tradition in which a sailor or WREN adds a hot cross bun to the blackened pile started by a widow awaiting her son's return from Widow's Son Inn, 75 Devons

nual outing for heavy horses.

London E3. Today Children's Easter activities in London: Workshops, films and other entertainments. Geffrye Museum, Kingsland

Road, London EC2. April 17 British Museum, Great Russell Street, London WC1. April 18 to 21. Hornman Museum, London Road, Forest Hill, London SE23, April 17 to 28. Museum

of London, London Wall, London EC2. (01-600 3699). April 20, 21. Museum of Mankind, 6 Burlington Gardens, London. W1.-(01-437 2224). April 25,

National Portrait Gallery, St

(01-930 1552), April 17 to 20. National History Museum, Cromwell Road, Loudon SW7. (01-938 9123). Tomorrow to April 25. Royal Britain, 99 Aldersgate Street, London EC2 (01-588

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836 7891). Monday to April

to April 20.

High Street, Brentford, Middlesex (01-568 1176). To-Other outings, shows and events in and around London, contacts Kidsline (01-222

Easter at the Science Museum: Giant Easter cgg plus egg-making workshops, radio room workshop. Also "Food for Thought" - demonstrations, question and answer sessions, recipe sheets. Also "Art and Science of Lego" exhibition and drama

of the museum's most historic Science Museum, Exhibition Road, South Kensington, London SW7 (01-938 8000). Saturday, Mon, 10am-6pm;

Moto cross: British 500cc championship (third round) at i Little Loveney Hall, Wakes Coine, Essex, Parking and refreshment facilities. £5 adult, £1 child. Sunday

Motor racing: British Formula Three and Formula 3000 on Monday at Thruxton Circuit, Andover, Hampshire. Parking and refreshment facilities. First race 2.15pm. £7 adults, Club championship: Nine race

programme featuring single seaters and saloons on Monday at the Weish Motorsport Centre, Pembrey, Dyfed. Parking and refres adults, 50p child. Cycling: Inter-line Riviera Classic, over five stages (all to

be held in Devon). Today (first stage) Newton Abbot Oueen St), starting at 1.45pm. 50 miles.Tomorrow (second stage) English Riviera Centre. Torquay, starting at midday. 75 miles. Sunday (third stage) Kingskerswell, starting at 10am. 8-mile individual timed-trials. (Fourth stage) Kings Drive, Torquay, Starting at 3.30pm. One-hour and five-lap circuit race. Monday (fifth stage) Festival Theatre, Paignton, starting at 11am. 85 miles, finishing at about 2.30pm, Paignton sea front. Sacoker: Today to April 29, the Embassy World pro-Crucible Theatre, Sheffield. Sessions are 10.30am, 3pm and 7.30pm. Admission morning £4, afternoon £5 and

evening £6. Judy Froshaug ♠ More Easter events, see Saturday Review tomorrow

FROM THE CLOWN TOWN TO THE AQUAZOOMS

ESSINGTON WORLD OF ADVENTURE: The new addition to Chessington is The Vampire, a spectacular "hanging" roller-coaster — if you have the stomach. There is also Circus World, an extravaganza based on human skills with Tamara CoCo's circus, plus a "clown town", circus games and children's rides. Circus performance times displayed at main

Chessington World of Adventure, Chessington. Adventure, Chessington, Surrey. Open daily from 10am (you are advised to arrive early), last admission 3pm, closes 5.30pm. Children under four, free; senior children aged four-14, 27.50; adults 28.50. Height restriction of 3ft 10in on some rides (0372 727227).

THORPE PARK: Four new attractions at the theme park a family roller-coaster, miniature vintage car rides, an undercover carousel and an "anti-litter" children's show. Thorpe Park, Chertsey, Surrey (0932 569393). Daily 10am-Spm, last admission 4pm. Adult £7.99, child £6.99. Child under 1m tali, free.

ALTON TOWERS: Usual attractions plus seasonal special, Circus on Ice. Alton Towers, Alton, Staffordshire (0538 702200). Open today and tomorrow 9am-6pm; Easter Sunday and Monday 9am-7pm. Adult £9.50, child £7.50. Includes all rides and free car parking.

CAMELOT THEME PARK: Saturday is Chorley Day, with it's a Knockout-style

Jousting twice daily. Cameiot Theme Park, Charnock Richard, Chorley, Preston (0257 453044). Open 10am to early evening, depending on numbers and light. Adult £6.95, child (four-14) £5.95, under fours free. includes free parking.

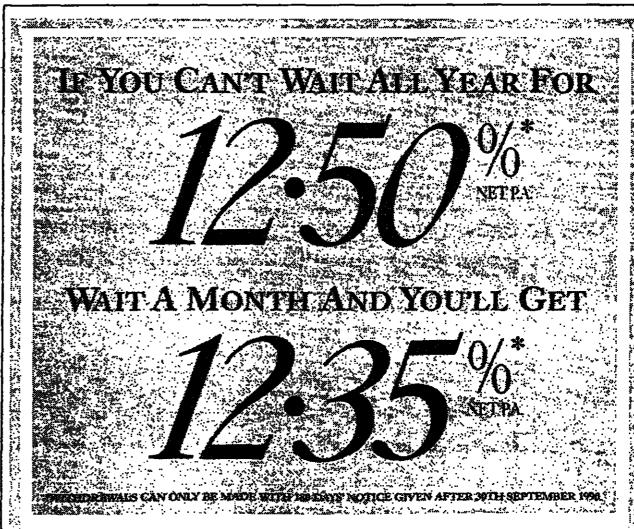
PLEASUREWOOD HILLS AMERICAN THEME PARK: Usual attractions plus free Cadbury's Creme Eggs to children on rides over Easter.

Pleasurewood Hills American Theme Park, Corton Road, Lowestoft, Suffolk (0502 513626). Open 10am-6pm. Admission £7, under-threes free. Includes free

CROOK LOG SWIMMING CENTRE: With "aguazooms (normally two, only one running at the moment). Inflatables in the pool for

children. Crook Log Swimming Centre, Splashworld Brampton Road, Bexie heath, London (01-303 5781). Today and Mon, 9am-4pm; Sat 8am-5pm; Sunday 8-11.30am and 2-4pm. Adult £1.20, child 90p.

FANTASEAS: Seven aquazooms (enclosed water slides) and a wave canyon which runs all day. Fantaseas, Cotton Lane, Dartford, Kent (0322 288811). Open 10.30am to 10pm. Adult £5.50, child (under 14) £4.50, child (three to five) £2, under-threes free. Free



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CLASSICAL MUSIC Max Harrison

GLASGOW SEASONS: The Scottish Chamber Orchestra fields Vivaldi's picturesque, popular Seasons with Andrea Cappelletti as violin soloist, then the Scottish Philharmonic Singers and many soloists join in for Handel's Dodt Dominus. Philip Ledger conducts. City Hall, Candleriggs, Glasgow (041 227 5511). Tonight, 7.30pm, £2.20-£9.20.

LENGTHY PASSION: The St Matthew Passion of Bach given by the London Choral Society, London Mozart Players and many soloists, all conducted by Jane

Festival Hall. South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800). Today, 5-9.30pm (hour-long interval at 6.30pm), £5-£20.

FURTHER PASSION: Bach's St John Passion now almost rivals his St Matthew Passion for frequency of performances and George Malcoln ducts the Talhs Chamber Choir, ECO and numerous soloists, singing in German. Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 8891). Tonight, 7.15-9.45pm, £5-£16.

OVERLAPPING PASSION: Long before Bach's St Matthew Passion is ender next door at the Festival Hall, the QEH accommodates another account of his St John Passion, by the Holst Singers, London Bach Orchestra and soloists conducted by Nicholas Kraemer. Queen Elizabeth Hati, London SE1 (01-928 8800). Tonight, 7pm, £5-£12.50.

WORDS AT SNAPE: Ivor Bolton and his authentic instrument group, the St James Baroque Players, suggest an alternative to the usual Easter Bach with performances of Rossi's Oratorio for Holy Week and Schütz's Seven Last Words from the Cross. The Maltings, Snape, Suffolk (0800 585789). Today, 4pm, £5.50-£9.50.

STILL MORE BACH; As an alternative to Saints Matthew and John, Bach's huge Mass in B minor is undertaken by the Gabrieli Consort and Players under the baton of Paul McCreesh. Queen Elizabeth Hall (as above). Tomorrow. 7.45pm, £5-£15.

BRIEF SPARROW: In one of the Georgian Festival's Spring Concerts, Mozart's Missa Brevis K 220, the so-called Spatzenmesse of 1775-6, is given by the Georgian Festival Chorus conducted by Simon lible. They also put forward Albinoni's Magnificat and Ruth Hoden is heard with the Georgian Festival Orchestra in a Handel harp concerto. The Guildhall, Bath (0225 461979). Tomorrow, 8pm, £5-£9.

UCHIDA/CARMINA: Indelibly associated with Mozart, Musuko Uchida joins the Carmina Quartet for Schumann's Piano Quintet. Earlier they interpret Haydn's Quartet Op 76 No 1 and Mendelssohn's Quartet Oo 80.

Migmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street. London W1 (01-935 2141). Tomorrow, 7.30pm, £5-£10.

MASSED HORNS: The British Horn Society, with the London Chamber Orchestra under Christopher Warren-Green, offers tribute to Alan Civil with a performance of his arrangement of Beethoven's Egmont Overture for massed horns, Mozart's Horn Concerto No 4 with Julia van Leer-Studebakker as soloist and Larsson's Concertino Op 45 Barbican Centre (as above). Tomorrow, 1-2pm, free.

SERIOUS MORNING: The Carmina Quartet play Beethoven's Quartet Op 59 No 3 and his last Quartet, Op 135. Wigmore Hall (as above). Sun, 11.30am, £4 (including coffee, sherry or juice).

MAINLY BRAHMS: Easter Monday at the Maltings find Hugh Maguire conducting the Britten-Pears Orchestra in Haydn's Symphony No 39, Brahme's Variations on the St Anthony Chorale and Kyung-Wha Chung soloing in Brahms's Violin The Mailings (as above). Mon, 4pm,

25.50-29.50. EASTER MUSIC: Ian Tracev's organ recital includes such rarities as Mulet's Cariflon Sortie. Peeters's Modal Suite. Howells's Sarabande for Easter Morning and Langleis's Incentation pour un Jour

The Anglican Cathedral, Liverpool. Mon, 11.15am, £2. MIWAKO ABE: This violinist is accompanied by Roy Howat (piano) in perfor-mances of César Franck's Sonata in A and Wieniawski's Polonaise No 1. Square. London WC2 (01-839 1930).

ROCK.

Mon. 1.05-2pm, free.

David Sinclair

JERRY LEE LEWIS: Hell-fire piano man and first generation rock 'n' roller now in

this dotage.
Usher Hall, Lothian Road, Edinburgh (031 228 1164). Tonight, 7.30pm, 210.50-212.50. Apollo, Ardwick Green, Manchester (081 273 3775). Tomorrow, 7.30pm, £10.50-£12.50. International Music Festival (see below), Wembley Arena, Empire Way (01-902 1234). Sun, 4pm, £10-£25. Gloucester Leisure Centre, Bruton Way (0452 306788). Mon, 7.30pm, 210.50-212.50.

TWO NICE GIRLS/SHELLEYAN OR-PHAN: Intriguing double-header as part of the "Crossing the Border" festivel. Two Nice Girls mix their own "explicitly lestian love songs" with older material such as the Valvet Underground's "Sweet Jane" and Joan Ametrading's "Love and Affection". Shelleyan Orphan employ strings, oboe and the purest of female voices to produce a delicate chamber pop.
Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800). Tonight-Mon, 8pm, 25.

INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL: Three-day event, formerly "pure" country, but now much more broad-minded. Headfiners are Emmylou Harris (tomorrow), Jerry Lee Lewis (Sun), and Witte Nelson (Mon). Also tomorrow: Johnny Russell, Doug Kershaw, Jett Williams and the Drifting Cowboys, Freddy Fender, Susan McCann. Also Sun: David Allen Coe, Randy Van Warmer, Hank Wangford, Pinto Bennett and the Famous Model Cowboys, Hayden Thomp-son. Also Mon: Asleep at the Wheel, Mary Chapin Carpenter, Kimmie Rhodes, Katy Moffat, Raymond

Froggatt. Wembley Arena, Empire Way, Wembley, Middlesex (01-900 1234). Daily from 4pm, £10-£25; three-day tickets £40-

ENERGY: Acid House parties go legal — the entrepreneurs behind Energy have given up the vodaphone and orbital racket, this time for a massive party in the Docklands. On the bill are Italians Black Box - whom it is hard to imagine actually performing live - plus deeply hip: House People, 808 State, Guru Jost London Arena, Lime Harbour, Isle of

Dogs (01-538 1212). Tomorrow, 4pm, 218. THE CHURCH: "Top" Australian melody

rockers with a nicely developed streak of urban alienation colouring their new album Gold Afternoon Fix. Town & Country, 8-17 Highgate Road, London NW5 (01-284 0303). Tomorrow,

SINEAD O'CONNOR: in the wake of her phenomenally successful version of Prince's "Nothing Compares 2 U", the shaven-headed Irish wait with a voice as clear and bracing as a bright winter's morning is doing brisk business, es-pecially in America, with her awkwardly titled album I Do Not Want What I Haven

Comwall Collegum, Carlyon Bay, St Austell (072681 4004). Tomorrow, 7.30pm, £8. Aston Villa Leisura Centre. 8 Aston Hall Road, Birmingham (021 328 384). Mon. 7.30cm. £8.50.

SUZANNE VEGA: Earnest Greenwich illage folkie turned malnstream adult rock star makes her first British appear ances since last year's Glastonbury Festival. New album Days of Open Hand promised any day now. Com Exchange, Wheeler Street, Cam-

bridge (9223 357851). Mon, 7.30pm, £8-MANDELA CONCERT: Celebratory fol-low-up to the 1988 seventieth birthday

tribute. Featuring Simple Minds, Peter Gabriel, Tracy Chepman, the Neville Brothers, Daniel Lanois, Neil Young and many others. Broadcast live on BBC2 from 6pm-10pm. mbley Stadium, Middlesex (01-902 1234). Mon, 5pm-10pm, £20.

Abiding mystery



"The Resurrection of Christ" by Bartoleme Esteban Murillo

oday, Britain's concert halls will be filled with people eager to sit for three hours or more listening to an 18th-century German organist's highly cerebral setting of an obscure poet's maudlin interpretation of an incident in ancient Middle Eastern history. In a supposedly post-Christian society obsessed with the pursuit of profit and pleasure, that may cause wonder. One obvious explanation is our abiding fascination with the genius of Johann Sebastian Bach, who constructed a web of beautiful sounds so rich in pictorial metaphor and mathematical symbolism that a musician may search a lifetime and still not exhaust its revelations. Albert Schweitzer did. For those troubled by the floundering attempts of our modern churches to promote a musical style consistent with the authority and depth of the Christian message, more mundane lessons can be learnt from Bach's Passions. Most important, perhaps, is the perfect poise between the drama of the Gospel narrative (sung by the Evangelist and in the turbulent crowd choruses), the static contemplation of Divine mystery (the arias), and the dignified participation of worshippers (the chorale settings, with their awesome harmonies). If only present-day liturgies had as satisfying a balance as Bach's Passions, or indeed of Handel's Messiah, or Bach's Mass in B minor, both of which feature in the music to be heard this weekend. See the listings for details. Richard Morrison

GREGORY ISAACS/TOOTS AND THE MAYTALS: A double bill of two reggae legands. Toots Hibbert has the voice of an American R 'n' B shouter, while Isaacs, The Cool Ruler, is the epitome of

The Humming Bird, Dale End, Brmingham (021 2364236). Mon, Som,

OPERA Barry Millington

LUCIA DI LAMMERIMOOR: Opera 80's brave stab - if that's the word - at Donizetti's popular work. Tonight, 7.30pm, 25-28.50. Coronation Hall, Ulverston (0229 52299).

THE MERRY WIDOW: Musically strong, dramatically weak, Opera 80 venture. Sends Centre (as above). Tomorrow, 7.30pm, £5-£8.50.

JERUSALEM: Verdi's reworking of / Lomberd contains some superior music. A challenging staging by Pierre Audi. Opera North, Grand Theatre, Leeds (0532 445326). Tomorrow, 7.15pm, £4-

MACBETH: Another in the series of superbly imaginative Verdi productions from the ENO team. Jonathen Summers and Kristine Clasinici as the disholical duo; Mark Elder conducts. English National Opera, London Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161). Tomorrow, 7.30pm, 23-

MEISTERSINGER VON NURNBERG: Dull production enlivened by Bernd Weild's intelligently sung Sachs and Christoph von Dohnaryi's stylish conducting. Royal Opera House, Covent Garden,

London WC2 (01-240 1066). Mon. 3pm,

John Percival

THE FEATHERSTONEHAUGHS: All male CIOUD ID Mannered sketches by fashion. able cuit choreographer Lea Anderson. ICA Theatre, The Mail, London SW1 (01-930 3647). Tonight and tomorrow, 8pm, SB-27

PRINCE OF THE PAGODAS: Tomorrow night's performance by the Royal Ballet has been cancelled. The ballet is, however, being shown on BBC2 at 8.55pm, with its original cast headed by Darcey Bussell, preceded at 7.50pm by a documentary about its creator Keni

GISELLE: Christopher Gable's produc-tion for Northern Ballet Theatre. tre Royal, Brighton (0273 28488). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2.30pm, eves 25-212.50, mats

BOLSHO! STARS: Group headed by Bessmertnova and Bylova in one act of Swan Lake and short extracts from other

Theatre, Paignton (0803) 558841). Tomorrow, 8pm; met tomorrow, 2pm, £17.50-£21.50. Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury (0227 767246). Sun, Mon, 7.45pm, mat Mon, 3pm, £12-£25.

THEATRE Jeremy Kingston

NEW IN LONDON

THE AWAKENING: Con O'Neil and Linda Bassett in new Julian Garner play set on a Norwegian island where a young farm worker finds love before the past catches up with him.

Centre, NW3 (01-722 9301), Under-ground: Swiss Cottage, Previews to-night, tomorrow, Mon-Wed, 8pm. Opens Thurs April 19, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat 4pm. Mon £5, Tues-Fri and Sat mat 28, Sat eve 29.

KING: Opening at last, after weeks of public squabbles, the life of Martin Luther King set to music and billed as a 'musical testimony"; with Simon Estes, Cynthia Haymon. Mily, Denman Street, W1 (01-867) 1118). Underground: Piccatility Circus.
Praviews tonight, tomorrow, Tues,
7.45pm, mat tomorrow, 3pm. No perf
Mon. Opens Wed, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat
7.45pm

7.45pm, mats Tues and Sat 3pm. Previews £10.50-£23, from Wed, £12.50-LOOK, LOOK: Stephen Fry, Margaret Courtenay, Robin Bailey in Michael Frayn play about an audience, so maybe

the reverse of Noises Off, though presumably still funny. Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (01-838 6404). Underground: Covent Garden. Previews tonight, 7.45pm, tomorrow, 8.30pm, Mon. 7.45pm. Opens Tues, 7pm. Then Mon-Fri 7.45pm, Sat 8.30pm. mats Wed 3pm, Sat 5pm. Previews £4-£13.50, from Tues, £5.50-£16.50.

NOT FADE AWAY: Miriam Karan plays an old thing on the run teaming up with a bass guitarist (Paul Barber) in a musical version of Barrie Keeffe's television play,

Waterloo Sunset. Theatre Royal, Gerry Raffles Square, E15 (01-534 0310). Underground: Stratford. Previews tomorrow, Mon and Tues, 8pm. Opens Wed, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat 8pm, mats May 1 and 6, 2pm. Previews £4, then £3-£10. Until May 12. THE SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL: After 20 years across the Atlantic, John Neville returns to the London stage to play Sir Peter Teazle; with Prunella Scales, Jane

Asher, Denis Quilley. National Theatra (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (01-928 2252). Underground: Water-loc. No perf today. Previews tomorrow, 7.15cm. Preview met tomorrow 2pm. Opens April 24, 7pm. Then in repertoire. Previews and Sat mats £6-£12.50. Eves from April 24, £6-£15.50. Thurs mats, all

POETRY Cris Cheek

APPLES AND SNAKES: A Nelson Mandela reception committee benefit, A crowded and seriously sate bill of Pan-African performer/poets, including Pitika Ntuli, Lemn Sissay, Marsha Prescod, Sister Netifa, Brother Niyi, Bicca Maseko, and Ahmed Shalk Covent Garden Community Centre, 46

Eartham Street, London WC2 (01-690 9368). Tomorrow, 8pm, 25 (23 concs).

PERFORMANCE ART Ghislaine Boddington

Especially at Six. One of a series of shows made for window spaces at this new streetwise gallery. Fran Cottell "addressing power, pa ssivity and blind consumerism" 24 hours a day. "109 Charing Cross Road" (two windows), St Martin's College of Art and Design, London WC2 (01-753 9090). Daily until May 3. MR IAN SMITH: Performance Banquet

No IV - The Last Supper. A four-course meal, interspersed with performance snippets from Mr Ian Smith (The Art angster) and guests. Stimulation promised for both brain and stomach. Third Eye Centre, 346-354 Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow (041 332 0522). Tonight, 9.30pm, £12. Advance booking advised.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's selection of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country.

NEW RELEASES

BELL AND TED'S EXCELLENT ADVENTURE (PG): Artiable if witless comedy about timetravelling, woolly-headed teenagers. Keanu Reeves, Alex Winter.

Cannons: Chalses (01-352 5096) Oxford Street (01-636 0310) Paston Street (01-930 0631) Odeons: Kensington (01-602 6644/5) Swiss Cottage (01-722

CAPTAIN JOHNNO (U): Winning Australian children's film about a deaf boy finding solace with the sea and en Italien immigrant. ICA Cinema (01-930 3847). From

McCASE AND MRS MILLER (18): Revival of Robert Alman's determinedly moody tale of a gambler (Warren Beatty) establishing a bordello in a mining

Camden Plaza (01-485 2443). SANTA SANGRE (18): Alejandro Jodorowsky's extraordinary, disturbing, blood-socked fantasy set in a travelling circus. Metro (01-432 0757) Gate (01-727

UNCLE BUCK (12): Filmsy comedy with John Candy as a ne'er-do-well taking care of his brother's

children. Casmons: Baker Street (01-935 9772) Fulham Roseost (11-336) Shaftesbury Avenue (01-336 8861) Pisza (01-497 9999) Whiteleys (01-792 3303/3324).

CURRENT

ALL DOOR GO TO HEAVEN (U): Disjointed, unappealing cartoon fantasy about a low-life dog returning from the dead. Camden Perkirey (01-267 7034) Notting Hill Coronet (01-727 6705) Odeons: Lelcester Square (01-830 6111) Swise Cottage (01-722 5906) leys (01-792 3303/3324).

DORN ON THE POURTH OF JULY (18): Dynamic anti-Vietnam apic-from Oliver Stone, with Tom Cruise excellent as peraplegic Flori Kovic. rbicen (01-638 8891) Cennoni

Baker Street (01-935 9772) Empire (01-497 9999). CELIA (15): Powerful Australian portrait of a rebellious child in a restrictive society. Striking debut by director Ann Turner. Cannon Tottenham Court Road

(01-636 6148) Metro (01-437 0757). CHICAGO JOE AND THE SHOWGIRL (18): Bold, flawed exclumation of a murderous crime spree in wastime London. Emily Lloyd, Kiefer Sutherland. Odeon West End (01-930)

5252/7615). CINEMA PARADISO (PG): Gluseppe Torrettore's noetalgic tale of a small Sicilian cinema; a hugely appealing salute to the movies. Curzon Maylair (01-465-8865).

COURAGE MOUNTAIN (U): Lame, spurious adventures of Johanna Spyri's heroine Heldi in World War Cannons: Chalees (01-352 5996)

Tottenham Court Road (01-636 OPRIVING MESS DAISY (U): Jessica Tandy as the prickly Southern lady with a black chauffeur (Morgan Free Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636) Minoma (01-235 4225). (01-792 3303/3324).

DUST IN THE WIND: Tributations of teenagers in the big city; affectionate 1986 film by the Talwanese master Hou Hsiao-ICA Cinema (01-930 3647).

ENEMIES, A LOVE STORY (15): Isaac Bashevis Singer's novel

about a Holocaust survivor's complicated love life, skilluly litted by Paul Mazarsky. Fron Silver, Anjelica Huston. Odeon Haymerton (01-639 7697) Screen on the PM (01-435-3395).

A THE FAMILOUS BAKER BOYS (15): Highly diverting fireworks between a bloom's singer (Michelle: Pteifter) and two cocktail planists (Jeff and Best Bridges). Camden Parkway (01-287 7034) Cannon Shahesbury Avestue (01-835 8861) Odeone: Kereingion (01-602 6644/5) Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905) Screen on Baker Str 935 2772) Whiteleys (01-792

♦ GLORY (15): Edward Zwick's impessioned salute to the black. Americans who fought in the Clvfi War, powerks performances. Cannon Panton Street (01-930

♦ HONEY, I SHRUNK THE KIDS (Us Minuscule children be ture parties comment sends through their garden to safety. Engaging special-effects romp. Camon Panton Street (01-830-0831) Wildlinkys (01-792 3305/3324)

JESUS OF MONTREAL CUR-Passion Play trouble in it Obvious but elegant satire from director Denys Arcand. salers (01-439 4470) Restair (01-837 8402).

MY LEFT FOOT (15): The Christy My LEFT FOOT (15): The Christy
Brown story; uplifying fare,
marvellously acted, with Occar
winners Daniel Day-Lewie and
Brande Frictor.
Odeon Kensington (01-802 8844/5)
Preplica (01-438 4470) Scales on
Baker Street (01-835 2772)

Whiteleys (01-792 3303/3 LOOK WHO'S TALKING (12): infentile comedy about an exemented mum and her talking beby. John Travolte, Kinste Alley and Bruce Wills's volce. Carnonae Chelene (01-352 508); Heyensteat (01-536 1527) Oxford: Street (01-536 0310) Oxfords. Keonington (01-02) Stripton Arch (01-723 2011) Swise Cottage (01-725 5905) Screen for the Green (01-226 5520) Werner West End (01-236 0791) Welledge (01-722 1919-191)

THE RESCUENS (U): Disney certoon from 1977, uneasily poleso between old studio traditions and contemporary urban satirs. Cannon Fethern Road (01-870 2636) Cannon Oxford Street (01-635 0310) Warner Weet End (91-439 0791) Whiteleys (91-792

3303:832·Q. A SHORT FRANCUT LOVE (18): Krzysztoł Kiesłowski's powerful and earle tale of voyeerism and .. second failure. Premiera (01-439 4470) Rantoir (01-887 8402).

STRAPLESS (15): David Here's Intriguing drams about love, betrayal, and political activism. Curzon West End (01-439 4805). **TANGO AND CASH (15):**

Preposterous thriter with Sylvester Stations and Kurt Russell as cope out to ruin crime boss lack Cannons: Oxford Street (01-636

-0310) Fullner Read (01-370 2636) Whiteleys (01-792 3303/3324) Warner West End (01-439 0971). ♦ TROP BELLE POUR TOTI (18): Gérard Depardieu toya between his wife and mistress. Skilful satire on

Lumiere (01-836 0691). ♦ THE WAR OF THE ROSES (15): A perfect marriage self-destructs violently. Exhausting black comedy, with Michael Douglas and Kathleen

Turner. Camden Parkway (01-267 7084) Cannona: Chelses (01-352 5096) Piccadilly (01-437 3561) IDE Court Road (01-636 6148) Notting Hill Coronet (01-727 6705) Odeons: Kenzington (01-602

ss Cottage (01-722 5905) Whiteleys (01-792 3303/3324).

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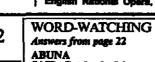
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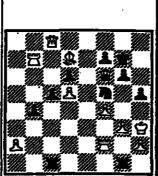
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Broadcast in the Arena slot, Dear America: Letters Home from Vietnam (BBC2, 9.25pm) is as authentic an account of the first television war as we are ever likely to get. Illustrating the correspondence of young soldiers on the front line with some astonishing roughand-ready footage, Bill Couturie's film adds up to a brutally immediate oral and pictorial history. Hollywood has been here before, of course, and often, but rather than be cowed by his subject's silverscreen associations, Countrie exploits them: the simple but often devastatingly eloquent letters ("They will say he died for his country, keeping it free: negative") are read by Vietnam movie veterans such as Robert de Niro, Bohin McKinsson Markin Sheet. Robin Williams, Martin Sheen, Tom Berenger and Willem Dafoe. And, although he uses the trusty scene-setting ploy of playing Sixties rock anthems over his moving images, one's abiding im-pression is that this is not art but life.



Jane Lapotaire: the intellectual and mystic Simone Weil (Ch4, 8.00pm)

• Someone who was variously described as "a one-woman monastery" and "the categorical imperative in skirts" would not appear to be a promising subject for a biographical docudrama, and Simone Weil (Chahnel 4, 8.00pm) does not in that respect disappoint. Jane Lapotaire does her best to bring out the theatrical in the asexual and spiritual French thinker, but shots of Weil feverishly reading and writing, Weil pacing up and down her study, Weil butching out a migraine, are about as visually frenctic as it gets. But the real effort of this programme is to make out a case for her importance as an intellectual and mystic,

and this it does convincingly.

Part two of United (BBCZ, 8.25pm), a profile of Second Division promotion candidates Sheffield United, gives itself over to the football widows. Playing second fiddle to the club their husbands serve, some wives are fanatically involved, others blithely oblivious. All, though, suffer at the hands of a deeply ingrained sexual apartheid: the directors wives have their own lou wives are tardily alerted if their husbands are stretchered off. Not a programme for

the game's traditionalists. ● The Harrods Sale (Channel 4, 7.00pm) counts as a repeat, but bracketed at front and back by a supplement which puts the two-year-old programme into a current context, John Plender's uncompromising investigation of the means by which the Fayed brothers purchased the world's most famous department store re-emerges as a classic of the lid-lifting genre.

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11.00 Good Friday Meditation. Jean
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12.00 News and weather followed by Daytime Live. Includes the latest entertainment news from Simon Potter and gardening advice from Alan Titchmarsh 12.55 Regional news and weather

1.00 One O'Clock News with Molra Stuart. Weather 1.15 Neighbours. Suburban soap set in sunny Oz. (Cestax)

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1.40 Film: Young Winston (1972)
starring Simon Ward. A lively though
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in the life of Winston Churchill, from his schooldays through his years in Africa as a journalist to his arrival in Parliament. Directed by Richard Attenborough

4.00 Children of Courage. Moving stories about children first seen

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9.16 Bergerac: Second Time Around.
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Jack Lemmon and Walter Mar star in this superb screen version of Neil Simon 's sharp comedy about two middle-aged friends who find they can't stand one other when they start sharing an apartment. Messy Oscar (Matthau) loves its lived in look and weekly poker sessions. Neurotic Felix can't bear to see a dirty ashtray without spring-cleaning every room — that is why his wife threw him out. Masterly verbal duelling. Directed by Gene Saks star in this superb screen version

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9.25 Cross Wits. Tom O'Connor introduces another edition of the brain-teasing crossword cutz

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10.00 Film: Jesus Christ Superstar
(1973) starring Ted Neeley, Carl
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musical in which a group of young
tourists visiting the Holy Land act
out the key scenes in the life of
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12.00 Easter Meditation: A Prayer for Murphy. Father Michael Campbell-Johnston SJ, the Jesuit Provincial of Great Britain, asks "where is Circist in poverty?"

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3.00 Sounds Like Music. Bobby Crush hosts this light-hearted quiz about stage and screen musicals

3.30 Sons and Daughters. Australian family drama serial 4.00 Film: Dumbo (1941). One of Walt Disney's most delightful animated features tells the story of a little elaphant befriended by a mouse. Directed by Ben Sharpsteen

5.10 Home and Away (r)

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6.00 LWT News and weather
6.15 The Magic of David Copperfield.
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7.00 Through the Keyhole. David Frost guides Willie Rushton, Hilary Kingsley and Milke Read as they try to identify famous homeowners from Loyd Grossman's clues.
(Teletext)
7.30 Coronation Street. Another dose of drams, decisions and heartbreak.

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Searchine Special. Citie Black introduces this extended version of the popular Searchine spot from Surprise! Surprise! Andy Craig heads a team of researchers who try to bring together long-lost relatives and friends. Gordon Burns reports from Australia, where expatriates are hoping to contact those they left behind.

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9.00 News with Fiona Amstrong. Weather 9.15 LWT News and we Weather 9.15 LWT News and weather
9.20 Film: Wolf (1989) starring Jack
Scalls, Joseph Sirola and Nicolas
Surovy. Pilot feature film for a
successful American television
series. A once-respected San
Francisco policaman, Tony Wolf, is
framed in a drug bust and kicked
off the force. Now, two years later, he
returns as a private investigator.
Directed by Rod Holcomb. (Teletaxt)
11.05 Searchline Special Update. Cilia
Black with a live report on the results
of tonight's nationwide search for
long-lost friends and relations
11.25 Barry Manilow on Broadway.
With the aid of songs and sketches,
the American star chronicles his
rise from audition planist to
international fame in this show
recorded at New York's Gershwin

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Tournament from the PGA National Golf Club, Palm Beach, Florida 1.35 Film: Honeysuckle Rose (1980)
starring Willis Nelson and Dyan
Cannon. A happily-married
country-and-western star is on the
verge of national success. But his life and career turn sour when he starts to meddle with his former partner's daughter. Directed by Jerry Schatzberg
3.40 The Blizzard of Aahhh's. Stunt

skling 5.00 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman. Ends at 6.00

8.45 Open University: Light in Search of a Model. Ends at 7.10 8.85 Flesh Gordon (b/w). Episode nine (f)

8.25 File: King of Kings (1961) starring
Jeffrey Hunter. This classic religious
epic on the life of Jesus, superby
filmed in CinemaScope but loses
some of its lustre on the small screen, also concentrates on

screen, aso concernates on
Berrahas the robber and on the
tension between the Romans and
Herod. Directed by Nicholas Ray
11.00 Play Snooker with Denns Taylor
11.30 World Snooker. David Vine
Introduces the opening frames in the
Embassy World Snooker
Champlorship from the Crucible
Theatre, Sheffield, the first of 17
days coverage

days coverage 12.20 The Royal Institution Christmas Lactures (r) 1.20 Tales of Assop 1.25 Freman Sam (r)
1.35 World Snooker. Further coverage from Sheffield 3.15 World Figure Skating Gala, The post-championship exhibition

3.15 World Figure Statung Casta. The post-championship exhibition
4.05 Top Gear (r)
4.35 Film: Easter Parade (1948)
starring Fred Astaire and Judy Garland. This durable Irving Berlin musical is loosely based on the Pygmation story. Don, a dancer, is deserted by his partner and, in a fit of pique, boasts that he can make a denoing star out of anyone he

of pauls, boasts treat ne can make a dancing star out of anyone he chooses — and plumps for a chorus girt. Directed by Charles Walters. (Ceefax) Beethoven: Mass in C. John Hugh Thomas introduces a recorded environment of the St. Pauls of the St Thomas introduces a recorded performance from St Dawd's Hall in Cardiff. This compelling work is conducted by John Eliot Gardiner, with Yvorne Kenny (soprano), Diama Montague (mezzo-soprano), Plobert Tear (tenor), Gwynne Howell (bess), the Ardwyn Singers and the BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra 7.10 Gardeners' World reports from the Royal Horticultural Society's Spring Show in London's Vincent Square 7.40 Joe Tasker. The concluding part of a documentary about the life of the late climber

of a documentary about the life of the late climber

8.10 First Easter: The Peacemaker, A profile of Uwe Holmer, the Lutheran pastor who has been sheltering Erich Honeker, the former East German head of state

8.25 United: The Women (see Choice)

8.55 A Bit of Fry and Laurie. Stephen Fry and Hugh Laurie in another half-hour of off-beet comedy. (Ceefax)

9.25 Arens: Deer America — Letters
Home from Vietnam (see Choice)
10.50 Jazz 625. The talentedplanist
Thelonius Monk recorded in 1965
11.20 Weather
11.25 World Snooker. More coverage of
the Embassy World Championship.
Ends at 1.30am

(CHANNEL 4)

6.00 Hallehujehl (r) 6.30 Poetry Book 6.50 Sing and Swing with the stars of the 1930s and 1940s (r) 7.15 Ceptain America 7.35 Spiderwoma

8-00 Orbit the Astrodog
9.25 Not on Sunday: Taize Special.
Sue Jay visits Poland to attend an extraordinary gathering of Christians, the first Taize Community annual Meeting for Young People to be held in Eastern Europe
10.10 Jesus the Son of Man. Modern Hungarian orations tracing the life of

Jesus Christ performed by the gre of Jesus Christ performed by the Gyor Ballet Ensemble

11.30 Film: The Happiest Days of Your Life (1950, b)w) starring Alistair Sim and Margaret Rutherford.

Wonderfully furiny comedy, a classic of its genre, about the problems that area when a curs' school is

of its genre, about the problems that arise when a gurs' school is mistakenly billeted with a college for boys. Directed by Frank Launder 1.00 Sesame Street.

2.00 Film: Traffic (1970) starring Jacques Tati. Inventive but meandering comedy about the mishaps of a man driving a prototype car from Paris to Amsterdam. Directed by Jacques Tati.

3.50 Animation on 4: Espolio
4.00 A Saint and a Soldier. How Leicester Sixtis celebrate the festival of Vassakhi.

4.30 Fifteen-to-One
5.00 I Love Lucy (b/w)

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5.30 A Hundred Acres. A portrait of
100 acres of Britain's beautiful
countryside
5.45 Painted Tales. Animated art senes for children in which the paintings come alive. This week Bill Jacklin's Washington Square at

Bill Jacklin's Washington Square at Night
6.00 True or False? Guests Michelle Cotlins, Dean Sullivan and Shyama Perera attempt to tell fact from fiction when they are faced with two very unlikely stones
6.30 Mork and Mindy. Comedy series
7.00 News summary and weather.
Followed by The Harrods' Sale (r) (see Choice)
8.00 Simone Well — Utopian Pessimist (see Choice)
9.00 Cheers. High class comedy set in a Boston bar. (Teletaxt)
9.30 Growing Places with Penelope Keith (r). (Teletaxt)
10.00 Roseanne. Domestic comedy series full of one-liners, starring the rotund Roseanne Barr and John Goodman.

Goodman 10.30 Cive Anderson Talks Back.

Topical comedy show

11.20 Film: Playtime (1967). Jacques

Tab stars and directs this comedy in which he plays a hapless

Parisian, bemused by technology, who causes choos when his path crosses that of a group of Amer tourists 1.30am Animation on 4. Black Dog es that of a group of American

and Eggs. Ends at 2.00

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES: 8.18pm-8.20 Wales Today
12.40mm-12.45 News and weather
SCOTLANDS: 8.15pm-8.20 Scottish News and
Weather B.15 Friday Sportscene 8.50 Fize: The Odd
Couple 11.35-12.25mm Level 42 - Fait Accomption
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Island News 9.15 A River Crossing 10.05
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Teresa 1.30 Close
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Amother Detective 1.35mm Video View 2.08 Police
Pracinct 3.05 Coach 3.30 America's Top Ten 4.00-8.00 Wassing.
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Doctors 5.40-5.40 Home and Away
6.30-7.00 Something to Triescre 11.33 Proporer Cet
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Mayor of David Copperfield 1.35am
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1.10 August 1.10 Love Will Find A Way.

7.00pm Love Will Find A Way.

SCOTTISH As London except-3.00pm
Scottand Today 6.30-7.00 Take The
High Road 11.06 Scotsport 11.35 Prisoner Call Block
H 12.30em Searchâne 1.06 Big Valley 2.00 Golf 3.00
Video Views 2.30 America's Top Ten 4.00-5.00 Night
Best.

TSW As London except 2.25pm 4.00 Sportsmasters 6.00 Survival 6.30-7.00 Gardens For As 1.25am Film: Andromeda Strain 4.00-5.00 Nigra Best.

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of David Copportlet 11 35-12.35am Scrumdown
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Impersonager 4.50-5.00 Love, American Style.

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2.35 Delenders of the Earth 3.00 Happy Birthday 3.15

Famous Five 3.45 Pais 4.10 Film: Three Lives of

Thomasina 5.55 Jo-Maxi 6.25 Home and Away 6.55

Nuacht 7.00 Through the Looking Glass 7.30

Commission Street 5.00 (stand Son 9.00 Coach 9.30

Film: Fragments of Isabella 10.50 Circus of Ireland

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SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00em DJ Kat 8.30 Panel Pot Pourri 10.00 The New Price is Right 10.30 The Young Doctors 11.00 Sky by Day 12.00 Another World 12.50pm As the World Turns 1.45 Loving 2.15 Easter Dream 2.45 Here's Lucy 3.15 Beverley Hills Teens 3.45 Carbons 4.00 The Addams Family 4.30 Ten New Leve it in Revers 5.00 Sky 4.30 The New Leave it to Beaver 5.00 Sky
Star Search 6.00 The New Price is Right
6.30 Sale of the Century 7.00 Kylle — On
the Go 8.00 Riptide 9.00 Hunter 10.00
WWF Wrestling Challenge 11.00 Sky News
11.30 The Deadly Ernest Picture Show

SKY NEWS

News on the hour. mational Business Report 5.00mm International Business Report 5.30 The FBI 6.00 International Business 5.30 The FBI 6.00 International Business
Report 6.30 Our World 9.30 The FBI
11.00 International Business Report 11.39
The Reporters 1,30pm NBC Today
2.30 Beyond 2000 3.30 The Reporters
4.30 NBC Today 5.00 Live at Five 6.30
Beyond 2000 7.30 The Reporters 6.30
Frank Bough 9.30 Newsine 11.30 NBC
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4.30 Beyond 2000

SKY MOVIES

From 8.00am The Shopping Channel

All films will be scrambled
2.00pen Easter Bunny is Coming to
Town: Narrated by Fred Astaire
3.00 The First Easter Rabbit: Animates

3.00 The First Exists reading the falls
4.00 Big Business (1988): Cornedy, with Bette Midler and Lify Tomilin as two sets of identical twins who get moted up at birth 6.00 The Dark Crystal (1983): Fantasy adventure peopled by puppets
7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 Beetlejuice (1988): A deceased couple call on a bio-exorcist (Michael Keston) to remove the new inhabitants of their house

their house 9.40 At the Pictures: Cinema releases

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10.00 Drug Wars: The Camarona Story
— Part One (190): A two-part account of the
murder of narcotics agent Kiki Camarona
12.30 am Retribution (1987): A
murdered gangster transfers his vengeful
sprit into the body of a dead man
2.30 Hercules against the Mongols
(1964): Hercules is called upon to protect a
kinden from fireading Mongols and falle (1994): Percuiss is cause upon to protect a kingdom from invading Mongols and falls in love with a Princess. With Mark Forest 4.00 Better off Dead (1985): The romainte adventures of a falled suicide. Ends at 5.35am

EUROSPORT

6.00am The DJ Kat Show 8.30 Circus 6.00am The DJ Kat Show 8.30 Circus
World Championships 9.00 Mobil 1 Motor
Sport News 9.30 Trax 10.00 Figure
Skating 12.00 Hartern Globetrothers: Six
Decades of Magic 1.00pm Handball
2.00 Basketball 4.00 Curling 5.00 Handball
6.00 Handclimbing 7.00 Wrestling 8.30
Trax 9.00 ice Hockey 11.00 Curling 12.00
WWE Wrestling

8.00em Kristiane Backer 10.30 At the Movies 11.00 Remote Control 11.30 Club MTV 12.00 Spotlight: The The 12.30em Kristiane Backer 1.00 Afternoon Mix 4.00 3 from 1 4.15 Afternoon Mix 4.30 Coca-Cola Report 4.45 Afternoon Mix 5.30 Week in Rock 6.00 MTV's Constant Libre 6.30 At the Movies 7.00 Saturday Night Live 7.30 Club MTV Saturday Night Live 7.30 Club MTV 8.00 Spotlight 8.30 Yel 9.00 Ray Cokes 10.00 Coca-Cota Report 10.15 Malken Wexo 11.00 120 Minutes 1.00mm Videos

SCREENSPORT

7.00am Wide World of Sport 8.00 ice Hockey 10.00 Football 11.45 Pro Bowlers Spring Tour: 13 1.00pm Tennis 2.30 Rugby League 4.15 Indy Car 6.00 Tennis 7.30 ice Hockey 9.30 Motor Racing 11.30 French Rugby League

LIFESTYLE

10.00am Fitness Minute 10.01 Search for Tomorrow 10.30 Short Casts 10.35 for Tomorrow 10.30 Short Casts 10.35
Wok with Yan 11.00 Coffee Break
11.10 The Edge of Night 11.35 American
Gameshows 12.50pm Star Time 12.55
Sally Jessy Raphael 1.45 Skyways 2.40
Search for Tomorrow 3.05 Tea Break
3.15 Target: The Corrupters 4.05 Airwayes
4.30 Lifestyle Plus 4.40 American
Gameshows 6.00 The Sell-A-Vision
Shopoing Channel Shopping Channel

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW News on the half-hour from 5.30mm until 4.30pm, then at 7.30, 8.30 and 10.00pm 5.00mm Jakki Brambles 6.30 Simon Mayo 9.30 Simon Bates 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.35 Gary Davies 3.00 Steve Wright in the Atternoon 5.30 News '90 8.00 The Jonathan Ross Radio Show 7.30 Jeff Young's Big Beat 10.00 The Friday Rock Show 12.00 Victor Lewis-

RADIO 2

News on the hour. Headines 5.30mm, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 4.00mm Stave Madden 5.30 Boyld Alan 7.30 Bob Holness 9.30 Judith Chalmers 11.00 Desmond Carrington 1.05pm Wayne Steep 2.00 Katie Boyle 4.00.00 Cnee New Ones Low viayin Siebe 2,000 Kabi Boyle
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Semprimi Serenade 5,05 John
Dum 7,00 Mind Your Own
Business 7,30 Friday Night is
Music Night 8,45 Laurie
Music Night 8,45 Laurie Holoway at the plano 9.00 Listen to the Band 10.00 The Radio 2 Arts Programme 12.05em Jazz Parade 12.30 The Golden Years 1.00-4.00 Nightride

WORLD SERVICE

ALL SE At times in GNT. Add an hour for SST.
5.00am World News 5.03 24 Hours 5.20
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Meridam 7.00 World News 7.09 24 Hours:
News Summary and Financial News 7.20
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World News 8.09 Review of the British
Press 9.15 The World Today 9.30 Financial
News, Sports Roundup 9.45 Seven 5.695
10.01 Focus on Felsh 10.30 Mick Magazine
11.00 World News 11.69 News About
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Headlines in English and French 4.47
Press Repadey 4.52 Ferencial News 4.56
Weather und Tissuel News TIMES PARTIERS: SING FANNO DVERTISER

6.55am News and Weather 7.00 Morning Concert: Verdi (Overture, Joan of Arc. National Philhermonic Orchestra under Chally

pane: sarry brogras,
plano)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (conf):
Vivaldi (Concerto per la
Solemnita di S Lorenzo, RV
556: Taverner Players under
Andrew Parrotti; Succhude
liten herr mich amen (Ach herr, mich armen Sünder, Bux WV 178: Robert Noehren, organ); Orlando Gibbons, arr

8.30 News 8.35 Composers of the Week: 9.35 Composers of the Week:
Mozart -- The Path to the
Regulem. Kyrie in D minor,
K 341 (Monteverdi Choir;
English Barroue Soloists
under Gardiner; Davidde
penitente, K 459; Ave verum
corpus, K 618 (Sotoists;
Netherlands Chamber Choir;
La Patite Bande under
S. Kuliken)
9.35 Transatiantic Harmony;
Barher (Ballada, Oo 46;

Transatiantic Hermony:
Barber (Bellade, Op 46:
Philip Martin, plano);
Vaughan Williams (Phantasy
Quintet Medici Quartat);
Barber (Despite and Still,
Op 41: Penelope PricaJones, soprano, Philip
Martin, plano); Elgar
(Symptony No 1: LPO
under Handley); Barber
(Nuvoletia, Op 25 for
soprano and plano); Elgar

Stryla performs Mieczysław Karlowicz (Eternal Songs, Op 10): Paderewski (Fantalsie Polonelse, Op 19)

RADIO 3

Liszi (Après une lecture de Dante: Barry Douglas,

Howarth (in nomine a 5: Philip Jones Brass Ensemble): Respighi (Vetrate di chiesa: Philharmonia under

(Nuvoletta, UP 25 for soprano and piano); Elgar (Three Cheracteristic Pieces, Op 10: LPO under Handley); Finzi (Romance for string orchestra: English String Orchestra under Boughton); Barber (Violin Concerto, Op 14: RPO jurier Seaman) under Seamen) 12.00 Warsaw PO under Karol

(Fantaisis Poloneiss, Op 79) 1.00pm News 1.06 Alikhail Pletnev: The planist 1.06 Mikhail Pletney: The plantat performs Grieg (Lyric Pieces: Bell Ringing; Homasickness: Berceuse; Butterfly; Grandmother's Minuet; Vanished Days; March of the Trolls); Tchailcovsky (Children's Album, Op 39) (r)
2.00 Almost of the Record: The second programme in which: second programme in which Lyndon Jenkins listens to the last-side of 78 sets. This week, records of Koussevitzky and Albert Costes (see Choice)

2.30 Seven Last Words: The Medici Quartet perform Haydri's Seven Last Words from the Cross, Op 51. Readings by Christine Channer 4.00 Ulster Orchestra under

4.00 Ulster Orchestra under
Robert Houlihan performs
Franck (Las Eolides); Pierné
(Saranade); Chabrier
(Larghetto); Poulenc
(Sinfonlatta)
4.55 An Early Evening Caberet:
Feinstein Quartet performs
Edward Shipley (Cabaret);
Claude Boiling (Jazz Suite)
5.45 Meaning in the Blues: In the
second programme, Paul
Ofiver examines the
migration of blacks from the
poverty-striction Southern
United States to the North,
in their search for work. He in their search for work. He

taiks about the recurring blues themes, inspired by the period, with Wade Walton, Robert Smith, Blind Anville Gray and Speckled Red 4.15 Classical Blues: Copland (Four Piano Blues); P. Dickinson (Sonatas for piano with two channels of tape playback); Barber (Excursions) (r) 7.00 News 7.05 Third Ear: In celebration of

his 75th birthday axhibition at Mayor Gallery, London, the artist Terry Frost talks to William Feaver about his association with the St Ives School and the inspiration behind his abstract painting St James's Baroque Players; St James's Consort of Singers under Ivor Bolton or singers into river boarn perform Schütz (Seven Last Words); Luigi Rossi (Oratorio per la septimana Santa: with Donna Deam, soprano: Un peccetor

pentito), incl 8.15 Interval Reading Reading
9.10 British (Four See Interludes and Passacaglia "Peter Grignes": RLPO under Pesek)
9.45 The See Voyage, by Carey Harrison. Part 3: Candigar. One ship remains of the five that set sell from the Dock of Muses. With Philip Voss, and John McAndraw (see and John McAndrew (see

Choice) 11.00 Composers of the Week:

Scendinavian Season. Sibelius (The Ongin of Pire; Two Songs, Op 35; Autretois, Op 96b; Symphony No 6 (r)
12.00 News
12.05am Psaims of Penitence: In the final programme, The Sixteen under Harry Christophers perform A. Georieli (Domini exaudi

dramatization of Christ's lest words on the cross.

Tressure issance: Ramisen Griffin examines how children with disabilities are represented in childrens books: She talks to children, authors and to Beverley.

Handicapped Child
12.00 News; You and Yours with
John Howard. Including the
sorth of eight programmes
on how to complein. This
week, health and alternative
medicine
12.28per The Food Programme
12.58 Weather
1.00 The World of One

Shipping Forecast 2.00 News; Woman's Hour: From Scotland, Includes the a tapestry cutting-off

RADIO 4

LW (s) Stereo on FM
5.55mm Shipping Forecast 6.00
News Briefing: Weather
8.10 Farming Today 8.25
Prayer for the Day (s) 8.30
Today, Incl 6.30, 7.00,
7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News
8.55, 7.55 Weather 8.43
Growing up with Grandma:
Part 5: Nature Study, by
Hamish Whitaley 8.57
Weather

9.00 News
9.05 Desert Island Dists: Sue
Lawley with photographe
Lucinda Lambton (s) (r)
9.45 Feedback with Chris Dunkley 10.00 News: When You Come Into

With Paula Wicox, Jonather Pryce, Roy Marsden, Anna Massey, Stuart Harrison and St Philip's Choir, Northern (6) and St Phep's Croit; Norbury (s) 10.45 Short Stories for Holy Week: The Lamb of God on Primrose Hill, by A.N. Witson. Read by Nigel Fords (s) 11.00 News; Army Book 152: A Wartime Love Story. Imprisoned by the Japanese, a young office

scotaint. increasing tours edition of the series Back to the Future, in which practical and finencial net is given to women who wish to return to work after a career break; and a visit to a tangeting of the series of the serie

Your Kingdom: A dramatization of Christ's

Japanese, a young office writes daily to Adeline, the woman he hopes to marry. But the letters cannot be sent until the war ends. Read by Anthony Hyde (s) 11.47 Treasure Islands: Kathleen

Mathias, director of the National Library for the Handicapped Child

1.00 The World at One 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.65

3.00 News; Classic Serial: Howards End. Four-part

oramanzadori or E.M. Forster's story. With Joanne Peerce as Margarei Schlegel, Miranda Richardson as Helen Schlegel and Joss Ackland as Henry Wilcox (2) (s) 4.00 News
4.05 Wilko's Weekly: Tony
Wilkinson goes behind the
scenes of The Cermanthen

Journal (s) (r)
4.30 Kalakoscope (s) (r)
5.00 PM with Frances Coverdak and Robert Williams 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather Journal (s) (r) 6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report 6.30 Going Places: Peter Hobday with travel and transport

with iranel and transport news
7.05 The Archers
7.25 The Archers
7.26 This Archers
7.27 The Archers
7.28 Any Questions? James
Naughte in Askham Grange
Prison, York, with panelists
Louis Biom-Cooper,
chairman of the Press chairman of the Press Council: Edwine Currie, MP; Am Taylor, MP; and the Most Rev and Ri Hon John Habgood, Archbishop of York

8.50 Stop Press: Andrew Marr 8.50 Stop Press: Andrew Marr reviews the week's newspapers
9.15 Kalendoscope: Coming to Griff (see Choice) (s)
9.45 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight with Richard Kershaw (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: In the Red Kitchen, by Michèle Roberts (4 of 10)
11.00 Vividi: Stabat Mater: A recording performed by the

11,00 Vividia: Stabet Mater: A recording performed by the Academy of Ancient Music under Christopher Nogwood, with James Bowmen, counter-tenor (s) 11,20 A Quiet Night: The meditations of Mary on Good Enters with States

Good Friday, with Sister Hilda, OSB, of Stanbrook

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RADIO CHOICE) Peter Davalle

 Is there no end to the ingenuity — some unkind critics might even say the desperation - of record programme presenters? Almost off the Record (Radio 3, 2.00pm) is a series of musical postscripts - short items, sometimes only a few minutes long, that filled up the last side of old 78 sets when the major work fell short, and almost always missing when, and if, the big work was transferred to LP. Lyndon Jenkins's weekly rummage through the archives is producing some long-forgotten gems, including bassoonist Archie Camden's 1927 performance of Senaillé's eternally hummable Allegro spiritoso, pianist Cyril Smith's 1925 recording of a Polonaise from Bliss's Suite for Piano and - a rarity indeed - the delightful Irish reel that Britten contributed to the soundtrack of a pre-war



Unmissable: Griff Rhys Jones (Radio 4, 9.15pm)

Also recommended: the final instalment of Carey Harrison's trilogy The Sea Voyage (Radio 3, 9.45pm) in which the woof of European history and the warp of Christianity intricately criss-cross to create a brilliant aural tapestry. Kaleidoscope (Radio 4. 9.15pm) is given over to an interview with Griff Rhys Jones, whose unenviable task it is to try and be serious about behaving comically.

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Romania's exiled King is barred from going home

was forced to abort a visit to his homeland yesterday after the Government refused him permission to enter the

After an unsuccessful attempt earlier to dissuade King Michael from returning, the Romanian Government finally revoked his visa as the exiled King and Queen and their eldest daughter were on their way to Bucharest.

An aide in Bucharest said that the King had flown from Geneva to Zurich where he had been met by officials from Swissair, who told him that they could not carry him without a visa. Afterwards, the King said he was still planning a visit "as soon as possible".

At Geneva airport, on his way back from Zurich, the King said: "I am a Romanian citizen who wants to return to his country. My whole purpose was not to get mixed up in political questions ... I am above all that. These people can think only in political terms, they can never think of

"this is a new situation and we have to think things over".

His French-born wife, Queen Anne, aged 64, said: This is not a failure but a victory in showing that Romania is not free."

The King, who was also accompanied by the eldest of their five daughters, Princess Margarita, held up his British passport to show it had a Romanian visa, issued last week. They learnt that all three visas had been rescinded only at Geneva airport en route to Zurich but went on in

take them to Bucharest. Two other daughters, Helen and Sophie, are already in Romania, having travelled by car with a convoy carrying relief supplies from Britain and Switzerland.

M René Lejeune, an adviser to the King, said in Bucharest: "After all that's happened we're rather relieved that he's not coming, and not just because of his personal security. Frankly, the cancelanything private. I'm deter-mined to go back one day." He worth a billion dollars in

MoD experts back 'super-gun' theory investigation, is a manufacturer of high-technology hea-

Continued from page 1 history of arms manufacture."

He added:"It sounds to me like something out of a sci-fi of Eagle Trust, an engineering fantasy. I do not believe it is part of an enormous gun. We have done everything above board, legitimately and with full clearance from the DTL

"One of our subsidiary companies does manufacture weapons, normally artillery. The biggest is 140 mm and they are clearly recognizable

He went on: "There is no precedent anywhere for a gun of the size they are talking about It's mind boggling to even consider. We had received requests from Iraq in the past to supply weapons and turned them down flat.

"It is like something out of a best-seller to suggest now we have been conned into producing the barrel of a giant "If they did manage to get

all the other necessary components I wouldn't stand within a mile of the thing if they tried to manufacture a large gun to fire it. It would blow itself

The company said the Department of Trade and Industry had seen all the specifications and drawings. Walter Somers Ltd, of John Ferriday was chairman the second company under the company."

and film camera group. A spokesman for Mr Peter Mitchell, Walter Somers' managing director, said: "The orders were for steel piping and were consistent with the normal product range.

vy forgings. It is a subsidiary

"The pipes in question were of very much smaller dimensions - 10 metre lengths with a diameter of 400 mm - than those referred to in today's reports.

He added: "The orders originated in 1988 and were civil engineering project. The company has no outstanding orders with Iraq and all accounts have been settled." Yesterday Mr John Fer-

riday, who has been in hiding since resigning as chairman of Eagle Trust, telephoned his Birmingham solicitors. "He believes it would take between six and eight months

barrel of the type alleged to have been found," Mr Stephen Fox, his solicitor, said. He added:"No proposal for such a project was put to the Eagle board during the time or in any way associated with

recognized, however, that public relations terms. When the King now comes, after the election, he's going to receive a triumphant reception."

There appeared to be little immediate public reaction to the cancellation of the King's visit. About 150 monarchists gathered in the centre of Bucharest and 300 at the airport. Some were shouting the slogans: "King and Fatherland", and "Down With The

Mrs Elisabeta Brincoveanu, aged 74, was crying. She said: "I have been waiting for this moment for more than 40 years. The Government is scared of just how much support the King has." the hope that Swissair would

Yesterday evening a mass was said in the orthodox church of St Silvestru. In thr congregaion were the Prinses Helen and Sophie. The gloomy church held about 200 people and was not full. At one point the solemnity of the occasion was broken as the priests paused to eject a member of the National Peasant Party youth section who had entered the church carrying a large Romanian flag. "This is not a demonstration," they said.

Until now the subject of a monarchy had been of little interest to most Romanians. However, this week's uncertainty has aroused interest. What is unclear is why the authorities and the political parties made such a fuss about the visit in the first place. Last week the Government said King Michael was welcome to come as a private citizen which was his wish - and offered him a house, a car and security for his visit. He accepted only the offer of

Then, last weekend, Mr Radu Campeanu, the leader of the opposition National Liberal Party, made a surprise statement asking the King not to come. The statement said that the time was not right for He added: "The orders originated in 1988 and were stated to be components for a until after the May 20 general

security.

The Romanian Govern-ment then changed its mind about the trip too. It asked the former monarch, through diplomatic channels, to postpone his trip. When he refused it revoked his visa. The question now is why the Government decided to prevent the trip. It appears that Mr Campeanu's opposition to the trip might have been an attempt to Michael. Historically, the party had affinities with the monarchy; Mr Campeanu may have calculated that today this legacy could be a vote loser - and certainly not a winner.

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

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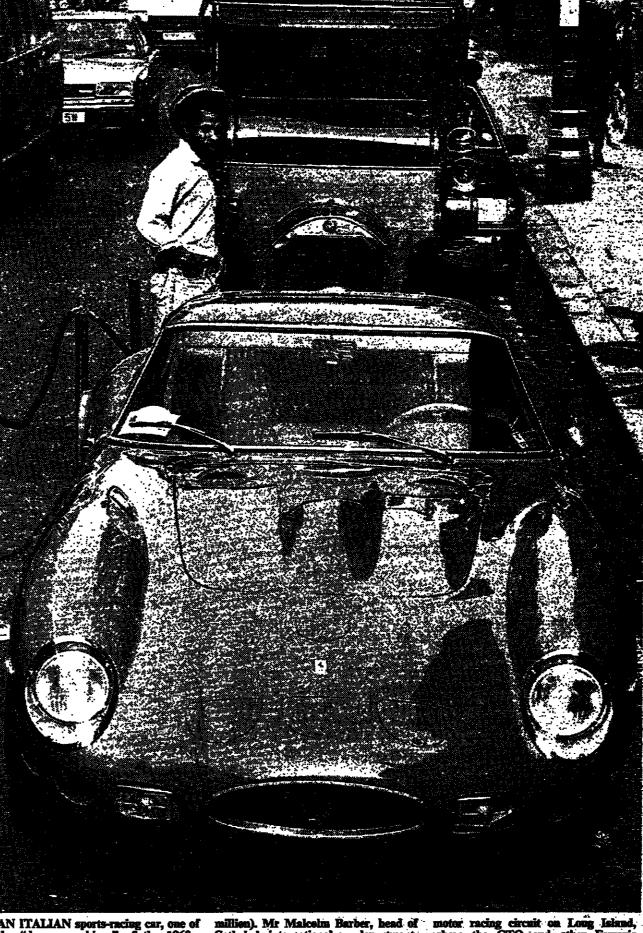
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Multi-million Ferrari lines up

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AN ITALIAN sports-racing car, one of the "dream machines" of the 1960s, turning heads yesterday outside Sotheby's in New Bond Street, central London; while lined up behind it was one of the world's slowest models, a 1907 Unic taxi-cab (John Shaw writes).

Berlinetta competition GTO had just arrived from Japan on the latest stage of a world tour before being sold in Moute Carlo on May 21.

week, is expected to make between \$11 million-\$14 million (£6.8 million-£8.75

million). Mr Malcolm Barber, head of Sotheby's international car department, which is selling other historic cars immediately afterwards, said it was the first time a Ferrari GTO had been

"The car represents a landmark in nated the track for years after its first appearance and won three consecutive world GT championships for Ferrari between 1962-64," he said.

It is being sold by Mr Robert Rubin, a private collector in the United States who is also proprietor of Bridgehampton motor racing circuit on Long Island, where the GTO and other Ferraris ently in sports car races

This example left the factory in June 1962 and raced at Bologua, Monza and in the 1962 "Coppa Pagioli". It came first on its last outing in 1965.

Later it was owned for more than 20 years by Mr Jess Pourret, a Ferrari

The car will be on show this weekend at Classic Cars World at Olympia, west London, April 14-16.

Counting America runs into trouble

AMERICA'S national 1990 census, the US Government is learning, contains all the pitfalls of the world's largest paper-round - many addresses are impossible to find. and delivery boys are often chased off by ferocious dogs. Barely two weeks into the country's largest count of its population, officials have admitted that a range of stumbling blocks, from the amusing to the downright nefficient, are delaying the

return of forms. In theory, each household is meant to return a form in time for the Census Bureau to be able to send America's vital statistics to President Bush by the final day of the year. The census information, which includes the ages,

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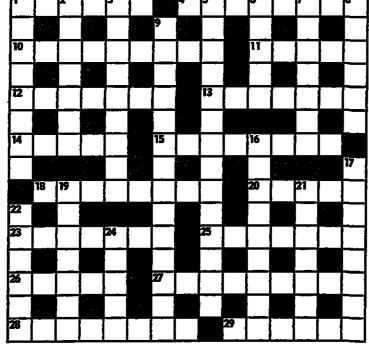
occupations and incomes, if any, of all residents, is crucial for the calculation of new state boundaries and the allocation of seats to the House of Representatives in Congress. It is also vital for the distribution of central government money to schools and other public programmes. The population this year reached an estimated 250,000 million. So far, however, the bureau estimates that only 55 per cent of the 106 million forms sent out have been returned, and it fears the success rate will not nise much above 60 per cent. This is especially embarras-sing for officials, since the count was launched amid a fanfare of media publicity boasting it would, at an estimated cost of \$2.5 billion (£1.5 billion), be the most expensive so far. Bureaucrats have been devising the computer programs and paper-work since 1982.

Many Americans have complained they have not received a form. Government officials fear, in an era of junk mail, that many people may automatically have thrown theirs away. In some cases whole blocks of flats have been omitted from address lists.

In Manhattan, where New Yorkers regard as miraculous the arrival of any letter not bearing the correct postcode, only the doorman received a form at one building. Ross, an enclave of wealthy residents in the hills of Marin County outside San Francisco, was even unluckier - nobody in the entire town received a census form because householders there use post office boxes and the Census Bureau

uses only street addresses. Many householders who have had trouble getting through to a freephone number for assistance. The New York Times helpfully pointed this out yesterday, then printed the number on its front page - incorrectly.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 18,267



ACROSS

- 1 In a way, Conservative Party's conclusion is irregular (6). Undercoat ornamental trim (8).
- 10 Reference work a user ordered, therefore, taken round (9). 11 Lured northward in retreat (5).
- 12 One slip followed by another? 13 He was in the Middle East in
- order to get a lawyer (7). 14 Group formed by bishop in Italian city (5). 15 It can spread disease, hence doc-
- tors must have capital (8). 18 Reading a novel in one sort of 20 ...or another, he includes extra
- 23 A supporter's seen outside Oval, by the way (7).

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- 25 Discharge those people who appear (7).
- 26 Jump the signal to proceed (5). 27 Property developed to make a man wealthy etc (9).
- 28 Corporation official says more when drunk (8). 29 Remarkable child most likely to succeed (4-2).

- Job description invariably men-tions this virtue (8). 2 Proposition from opponents of US about mineral (7).
- 3 Organ conductor found in centre of Poplar, say (9). 5 Poor German's at his workplace,
- according to Cockney (14). 6 Obscure plot I am following (5). 7 Part of table allowed in short
- publication (7). 8 Secure score that's typical of sea**son** (6).
- 9 Some such leaders impress in one term, possibly (5,9). 16 Maiden not harmed if aban-
- doned by one (9). 17 Cast off in storm (8). 19 Nearly all the money's here by time specified (7).
- 21 Posture, for him, liable to change (7). 22 Vehicle looked over by driver
- 24 Echo in prison cell (5).

Cancise crossword, page 29

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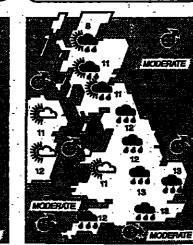
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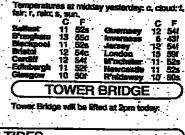
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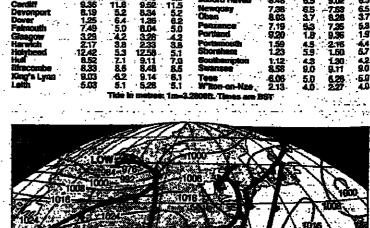
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Market report, page 27

Renault to raise over £1bn

FRANCE'S state-owned car maker, Renault, is to increase its share capital to enable Voivo of Sweden to take a 25 per cent stake, the French industry minister, M Roger Fauroux, said.

The new capital "will increase Renanh's assets by Fr12-15 billion (£1.3-£1.6 billion) and will increase its cash flow by Fr2-5 billion," M Fauroux said at a par-liamentary hearing on a bill to change Renault's legal status. Volvo will pay Fr20.5 bil-lion to Renault which in turn will pay Fr15.5 billion to Volvo, M Fauroux said. He save no further details.

gave no further details. Renault will buy Volvo shares on the Swedish market. The remaining cross-holdings will be achieved through

The pact will eventually lead to the joint production and sales of vehicles, M

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Fauroux said.

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Wage-price spiral fears on 8.1% inflation

By Colin Narbrough Economics Correspondent THE inflation rate climbed to 8.1 per cent last month — its highest since last July — and threatens—to pass 9.5 per cent this month, arousing feats of a wage-price spiral that could undermine the Government's counter-inflation strategy.

Labour market figures showing seasonally-adjusted average earnings for the whole economy up from 9.25 per cent in the year to January to 9.5 per cent in February - the highest since March 1989 added to City concern.

Unemployment showed a further small seasonally-adjusted fall of 6,800 to 1,603,600, or 5.6 per cent of the workforce, suggesting the labour market is not softening fast enough to exert downward pressure on wases. Mr John Shepperd,

said the figures would encourage wage negotiators to try to delay settlements until they see how inflation turns out. "And there is now a very real possibility of it reaching 10 per cent."

Against this inflation background, he envisaged wage expectations rising for both the present and autumn pay rounds. Meanwhile, Bank of England figures on bank notes in circulation pointed to MO. the narrow money supply measure still targeted by the Treasury, holding above its 1-5 per cent target range - and

Mr Simon Briscoe, UK economist at Midland Montagu, said the 10.9 per cent adjusted rise in notes last week over the equivalent week in 1989, while distorted by Easter, was consistent with M0 growth

senior economist at Warburg Securities, of 6.8-6.9 per cent, compared with 6.4 per cent for the previous two months.

Last month's 8.1 per cent annual RPI increase from 7.5 per cent in February was largely attributed to higher mortgage teresi raies.

Prices for food, used cars, clothing and footwear also rose. Since last March, food prices have risen 8.7 per cent - the biggest rise in almost nine years. Excluding mortgage interest payments, annual inflation rose from 6.2 per cent to 6.3 per cent its highest for more than eight years.

The poll tax is expected to add 1.4 percentage points to the RPI this month. Budget increases in excise duty on alcohol, tobacco and petrol, plus planned electricity, gas and water price rises, are expected to push the headline inflation rate even higher this month. Economists differ over

whether inflation will peak this month, but agree it is certain to pass last year's peak of 8.3 per cent, in May and June. Inflation was last at 9.5 per cent in May 1982.

But despite a slightly worse picture of the economy than the forecasts, the markets were reluctant to take new positions before the long Easter weekend.

Mr John Major, the Chancellor, had prepared the markets for the inflation rise in last month's Budget, but said the poll tax would add more than I per cent to the RPI.

The seasonally adjusted fall in the number of jobless last month - the 44th consecutive monthly drop - was again small, reinforcing the view that employment could start to rise again soon.

The national trend shows a clear drop in the average monthly decline, despite continuing falls in the West Midlands, Yorkshire, Humberside and Scotland. A slowdown in the number of people finding work has also become evident.

The underlying rise in average earnings to 9.5 per cent was in line with market expectations, but it broke the trend of the previous four months. With a number of big pay settlements still to feed through, it is expected to move higher in the months

• US retail sales fell 0.6 per cent last month - the second consecutive monthly drop and the largest for six months - providing fresh evidence the economy is slowing. The Commerce Department said car sales, down 1.4 per cent, led the overall decline to a seasonally-adjusted \$148.55

Comment, page 25

Yardley sale to US nets SB £110m

YARDLEY cosmetics. Lenthéric perfumes and Morny soaps are going the same way as Marmite, Bovril and Ambrosia Creamed Rice.

SmithKline Beecham, the transatiantic healthcare group, has sold its cosmetics business Yardley/Lentheric to Old Bond Street Corporation of the US for £110 million. Wasserstein Perella Management Partners, an affiliate of the US buyout specialist, will own 88.5 per cent of the

SB shareholders learned this week that Mr Bob Bauman, the group's chief executive, is now the third highest paid director in Britain. His salary rose from £864,000 to £1.26 million, an increase of 46 per cent. A spokesman for SB said £450,000 of that was profit-

related. SB's chairman, Mr Henry Wendt, saw his salary rise from £428,000 to £1.16 million.

sale of Yardley/-Lenthéric represents about one-third of the SB cosmetics business and the price of just over one times sales suggests that the group could achieve a price of between £350 million and £400 million for the total cosmetics business.

Talks are continuing on the sale of the Continental European cosmetics businesses Margaret Astor and Lancaster. SB will receive £70 million in cash for Yardley/Lenthéric said. and £40 million in subordi-

By Gillian Bowditch

subsidiary of Old Bond Street. The loan notes are redeemable in 1998 and bear fixed interest of 9 per cent per annum which is payable after three years. SB will hold a 10 per cent

stake in Old Bond Street and will have a representative on the board. The Yardley management will have a 1.5 per cent stake in their company with the option of acquiring a further 4.5 per cent stake from Wasserstein Perella, which will have 88.5 per

The Yardley/Lenthéric business made operating profits of £10 million on sales of £106 million in 1989 and has sets of £67 million.

The proceeds of the sale will be used to reduce SB's borrowings and the deal takes SB's sposals to £491 million. In addition to the Continental European cosmetics busi-nesses and Yardley South Africa, SB intends to sell a pharmaceutical small.

dent of Wasserstein Perella Management Partners, said the business had strong brand names with a 71 per cent name recognition in the US. The company intends to spend money marketing the product, particularly in the US where it is not easily available. "It is probably true to say

the brand has been neglected in the past but we see that as an opportunity," Mr McKeon

nated loan notes of a British British interests include a stake in the supermarket group Gateway and Warners, the wallpaper and furnishing fabric business. Mr McKeon said he believed there were other opportunities to acquire British businesses with strong

brand names. There is a possibility that Yardley will be floated on the stock market. SB shares rose 4p to 503p on news of the disposal. The City was pleased with the price

Initially some analysts had been expecting a disposal price for the entire cosmetics business of about £600 million but figures were revised downwards when it became apparproving more difficult to sell than had been anticipated.

A spokesman for SB said the group had hoped to sell the entire cosmetics business to one buyer but that proved impossible. SB now intends to self the Astor/Lancaster busi-ness to one party and the Yardley South African busi-

Negotiations with several parties for the sale of the other cosmetics businesses are beheved to be at an advanced stage. Management buyouts of the businesses have not been ruled out. Mr McKeon said Wasser-

stein Perella would consider purchasing other cosmetics businesses to add to the Yardley/Lenthéric business but is not negotiating to buy Astor/Lancaster Wasserstein Perella's other businesses.

Greggs 1p Easter treat



peany, two a penny" as he enjoyed the traditional Easter

The promotion treat (Clark Siewert writes).

Customers in the Greggs bakery shop in Hexham, Northumberland, were startled to learn that he not only meant it, but also had the authority to say it - as the

MIKE Darrington (above), managing director of Greggs, shouted "hot cross buns, one a the country's largest indepen-

The promotion lasted only a short while before prices returned to normal levels: 54p

Mr Darrington said Greggs expects to "sell a million of them" this week, bringing its total Easter hot cross bun sales dividend is 12p (10.125p).

to just under 4 million. Green has lifted profits from £1.9 million to £6.7 million since

seven bakeries and 420 shops. Pre-tax profits for 1989 were up 17.6 per cent at £6.7 million (£5.7 million) and earnings per share rose from 35.9p to 39.8p. The total

RUMURE

Launch of gold trust delayed

By Jon Ashworth AMES Capel and Robert Fleming have called off the launch of Britain's first gold investment trust because of the uncertainty over the world gold price and, in turn, gold

They had planned to launch £300 million fund to invest in worldwide gold mining shares, and builion itself, on Tuesday. But less than £50 million is thought to have been pledged, forcing its back-

ers to postpone the launch. It had planned that the trust would fill the investment gap left by the takeover of Consolidated Gold Fields. Britain's premier mining finance house, by Hanson, and therefore would have appealed to a broad range of

mining investors. However, the current uncertainty over the outlook for the gold price - compounded by the \$20 one-day fall in the gold price on March 26 which sent shockwaves through the international mining investment community - has left investors unwilling to back a new fund solely committed to

Gold closed at \$375 last

James Capel and Robert Fleming are now pinning their hopes on "a South African solution," which could pave the way for a second attempt to lift the gold fund off the ground by the summer.

One formula would see the trust listed both in London and Johannesburg, allowing going public in 1984. It has South African investors to invest free of restrictive exchange control regulations.

Discussions are underway with the South African Reserve Bank to see whether funds could be swapped under a reciprocal agreement.

Norton shares soar on talk of possible deal with BTR

From John Durie, New York

SPECULATION of a possible deal between BTR and Norton, its US target, sent Norton's shares well over the BTR offer price in heavy trading on the new York Stock Exchange. By midday 770,000 Norton \$75 a share offer launched on shares had been traded, lifting the share price by \$1.50 to has been extended. \$77.50, after opening at \$76.

This followed a \$3.25 a share increase on Wednesday with 900,000 shares traded after BTR won a significant court victory against Norton. A Boston federal court ruled

that Norton had to reinstate the original date of its annual meeting to April 26, after the company had attempted to delay it for two months.

SOME Easter traditions are nearly as old

as Maundy money, hot cross buns and

Easter Eggs. One is the tendency of companies with bad news to time their

announcements to coincide with the

mass departure of City folk to their

in dispute between Blacks Leisure, which sneaked a message onto the Stock

Exchange screens at 17.17, and Maxi-

print, which at 17.39 announced an

Few were about to read either state-

ment, but the thrust of Blacks is that its

Miss Sam subsidiary would be showing

results "materially below those of the previous year" for the year to end-March. Worse, "accounting inaccu-

racies" have come to light at Miss Sam.

and group profits will be materially

increased trading loss.

Prize for the best trick of the day was

chief executive, said after the decision that BTR would go date none has been found, prompting speculation that it may seek a deal with BTR. ahead with a proxy fight for control of the board. Between 50 and 70 per cent of Norton shareholders had tendered their shares to BTR under the

Norton, a chemicals and abrasives producer, has a wide open register with 70 per cent of the shares in the hands of

New York arbitrageurs were betting that Norton would attempt a friendly merger at between \$75-\$80 a share.

March 16, he said. The offer

save Norton. But spokesmen for both companies rejected any talk of

searched for a white knight to help beat the BTR bid, but to

The government of Massachusetts, Norton's home state has given its full support to the local company and is trying to rush through legislation which would force staggered board elections. This would mean only one-third of the board could be changed at each an-

The earliest the legislation could come into effect is April 21, which may be too late to

But BTR's \$1.6 billion bid Mr John Cahill, the BTR early discussions. Norton has increased to ensure control.

shares down 53p

SHARES in Erskine House Group, the photo-copier and facsimile machine distributor, tumbled 53p to 125p after a warning that the last quarter had been "difficult" and that profits would be lower than

expected. Mr Brian McGillivray, chairman, said results for the year ended March were likely to be about the same as last year's £15.1 million. The stock market had initially been been looking for 1990 pre-tax prof-

The warning overshadowed its announcement of its purchase of RW Schaefer Kopier & Burosysteme, a photocopies dealer based in Hanover, West will most likely have to be Germany, for DM4 million cash (£1.45 million).

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Miss Sam sneaks out a message

By David Brewerton

increased from £131,000 to £387,000 and trading conditions continue and may get the current situation is described as "extremely difficult," even though there appears to be some hope for the next The year was marked by the resigna-

tales to tell yesterday were Cambridge Isotope Laboratories, higher on tech than on profitability, Malaya Group, a Sussex-based motor distributor feeling the effects of high interest rates, and carrier bags for the high street.

Nevertheless, Appleyard is still looking for a satisfactory outcome to the year, and, in the meantime, shareholders gave

the go-ahead for the company to buy its own shares. Malaya Group is making no boast at all about the likely outcome of 1990, but 1989 has served up a turnaround from £291,000 profits before tax to losses of

But even at that rate the company may have fared better than some of its erstwhile customers, for Malaya operates at the top end of the motor market selling Mercedes-Benz, Alfa-Romeo and the once ubiquitous City vehicle, Porsche.

Gaynor is having to live with the

problems of its high street customers. It made a pre-tax loss of £557,000 in the half year to February 28, compared with a £300,000 profit, there is no interim dividend and another loss is on the way

rumour in the week. announced to shareholders that tough Over at Maximint, the pre-tax loss has

tion of the sales director and another retirement, but at least the new darkroom automatic processor, the "Ultima," has been successfully launched. Among the other companies with sad

Gaynor Group, which makes plastic The news was not too good either from Appleyard Group, another motor distributor, but at least that company cannot be accused of hiding its dimming light under the cloak of the bank holiday: it held its annual meeting yesterday and

J Brown awarded contract in Texas

By Philip Pangalos

JOHN Brown, the engineering and construction subsidiary of Trafalgar House, has won a "substantial multi-million dollar contract" from Chevron Chemical for a polymer plant expansion in Orange,

John Brown will provide engineering and procurement for the expansion of the highdensity_polyethylene plant there. The entire project is valued at \$100 million and is the largest commitment Chevron has made in the Orange area since a similar plant was constructed in 1969.

The expansion will boost annual production capacity from 580 million lbs to 860 million lbs.

The polyethylene produced at Orange is used in manufac-turing containers for milk, motor oil and also for detergent, plastic film and grocery

Engineering on the project is now under way at John Brown's Houston office and will be completed early next vear. This contract follows a string of big orders won by the Houston office this year, including one for Goodyear and one for Unocal.

The Goodyear, Unocal and Chevron contracts are believed to be worth a total of about \$100 million.

Propeller maker drives home parent firm's message

Vickers fights Brierley threat | FKI wins contracts and makes £9m dea

THE shores of a remote lake in central Sweden are humming with the sound of Vickers polishing its image.

Proposals by Sir Ron Brierley and IEP Securities, his corporate vehicle, to demerge Rolls-Royce cars from the engineering group have put the spotlight on Vickers products apart from cars and tanks.

Vickers' management, led by Sir David Plastow, chairman, has been stung by IEP's implication that, Rolls-Royce apart, the company is a collec-tion of mismatched, also-ran engineering businesses.

To keep Vickers whole it is important to make all its divisions appear attractive.

KaMeWa in Kristinehamn, central Sweden is one of the most far-flung outposts in the Vickers' empire. It is part of the marine engineering di-vision which, with sales of £88 million and profit of £4.9 million, is the group's

KaMeWa is a world leader in marine propulsion. Its main products are controllable-pitch propellers. These have rotating blades which can slow a ship or put it into reverse without disengaging the engine and are becoming standard equipment on ferries and light naval ships.

Recently however the company has been successful in and makes one quarter of its does not have this advantage. selling a new form of propulsales from them. The jets fit But Vickers decided it wanted







Power struggle: Sir Ron Brierley (left) has prompted Sir David Plastow to highlight Vickers' other interests, such as the water jets that helped the Gentry Eagle to a record-breaking transatlantic performance

ers a ship by sucking water from under the hull, feeding it through a turbine before expelling it astern. The jets can show them off. turn in either direction to steer a ship without a rudder.

They are so responsive that they can take a ship from 40 knots to 0 in twice its length. KaMeWa also makes advance electronic steering gear which makes controlling a passenger ferry look as easy as playing space invaders.

KaMeWa's jets, which cost an average of SKr1 million (£100,000) helped the Gentry Eagle beat the transatlantic crossing record last July. In all KaMeWa has 70 per cent of the world market for water jets

sion - the water jet. This pow- perfectly with the better- to stay in the business and mousetrap aspirations of Sir began to look for acquisitions David and his followers which is why they are keen to Vickers bought KaMeWa for £14.6 million from the

Swedish Axel Johnson group in 1986. The acquisition was part of the company's policy of being a market leader in all its products. After its shipyards were nationalized in 1977, Vickers was left with a scattered rump

of marine component businesses. Some were market leaders like Brown Brothers in Edinburgh which makes ship. stabilizers. Stone Vickers, a propeller manufacturer in absenteeism Greenwich, south London, production.

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to increase its size. The search led to Sweden. KaMeWa has not been the trouble-free addition Sir David might have hoped. It has been dogged by the price-cutting seen in all marine engineering. Profits were unacceptably low.

Six months ago the group appointed Mr Lars Ohlsson managing director. In the past year the company has shed 50 of its 570 workers and strengthened its marketing department. Now it has introduced a team working system in the main engineering plant to reduce staff turnover and absenteeism and speed up

Lake Vanern seems a long way from Vickers' manage

"We read everything we can about it but it's nothing I want. to involve my company in, said Mr Ohisson.

"Vickers is an old company and should be allowed the time to restructure itself." He added: "I just want

strong mother company which

can support me if I want to do something. Vickers gives me In London, KaMeWa and Mr Ohlsson are pawns in a contest which will decide whether Vickers will be allowed to pursue its goal of

Neil Bennett

first brought it to

ring excellence which

Kristinehamn

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

and makes £9m deals

CONTRACTS worth more than £40 million have been won by FKI, the electrical products group which two months ago gave a warning of a possible 20 per cent fall in its March year-end profits because of problems in America. It has begun to de-man parts of Babcock Industries in the US, whose poorer performance was blamed.

FKI, demerged from FKI Babcock last summer, also made five acquisitions recently for a total outlay of £9 million, including Columbia International, a specialist printing media business; Wheway Becker's UK-based chain business; Scada Systems, a radio communications business; SBS Computer Supplies; and a US-based industrial hand-truck and speciality caster business.

Eglington profits slump at Chepstow

after the company reported a dramatic fall in pre-tax profits from IrE91,159 (£89,000)
— a figure boosted by asset sales - to Inf.8,138 in 1989. Farnings per share dropped from 1-1.8p to 1r0.18p and no final dividend was de-

Going steady

SHARES in Eglington CHEPSTOW Racecourse Exploration, the Dublin-based mining group, dropped 3p to a record low of 48p on the Third Market after the company reported a Earnings per share were 10.67p (9.23p) and the dividend is 1p, the same as last year. In October it received outline permission for an adjoining 200-acre hotel and golf course. The sharts were unchanged at £16.

Hadleigh buys Ripple

HADLEIGH Industries, the USM vehicle trailer and engineering company, is acquiring Ripple Retail Concepts for a maximum £1.5 million, consisting of an initial payment of up to £330,000 and defeared sums of up to £1.17 million

dependent on future pre-tax profits.

Ripple produces security show cabinets for retailers. It made pre-tax profits of £309,000 in the year to end-December 1988, on sales of £3.7 million, but a a loss of £395,000 in the year to end-December 1989, due to zero sales growth and a lack of financial controls. The shares lost 2p to 183p.

Stena Line to US chemical buy Sealink firm slides

STENA Line, the Swedish CAMBRIDGE Isotope Lab-ferry operator, said it is to acquire Sealink British Fer-American chemical products

ries from Stena AB, its group, saw profits nosedive privately-owned parent. from \$1.03 million to Stena Line is to issue debt. \$367,000 in the year to endworth Skr800 million £80 November, after extra conconvertible debeature loans to finance the deal. Sealink is part of the assets of Sea CIL paid \$0.003 at half time. Containers acquired by Tiphook and Stena.

Rolls £12.5m spin-off

FIRM orders for five Fokker 100 airlines will generate a £12.5 million spin-off for Rolls-Royce, whose Tay 650 engine powers the twinjet. Swissair, launch customer for the Fokker 100, has ordered a further two planes, for mid-1992 delivery, and has options on four more. GPA Fokker 100, based at Shannon, has 58 total orders, with options on another 42. Tay sales for the Fokker 100 topped 750 at end-1989. Icelandair has launched the first of its three Rolls-Royce

powered Boeing 757s, which will be used on European and

UTA to recruit high-flying chief

THE Unit Trust Association is to recruit a high-flying executive as part of a campaign to raise its public profile. The new figurehead will take office in October to take over the role of chief executive from Mr Tony Smith, who is

expected to retire in January. The UTA chairman, Mr John Fairbairn, told members that the new incumbent would take over the traditional chairman's role of industry figurehead and chief spokesman, in addition to running the UTA. He or she was likely to be in their forties, with business experience and a professional palification, and "something

of a high-flyer". The cost of recruiting such a subscriptions. The salary is expected to be in line with those of senior directors in the

Mr Fairbairn, who completes his term as chairman next April, said the move was designed to bring more con-tinuity to the UTA. "Their first job will be to assess opportunities and challenges for the UTA and write a business plan," he added. "We hope to have this agreed and put to members by Christmas."

Mr Smith is likely to stay on as a consultant to the UTA, to allow his successor to devote more time to the association's public image. He would advise on training and research, person would be passed on to European developments and members through increased relations with the US.

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Belgian boost for **Brixton Estate**

By Angela Mackay

RISING rents and capital values in Belgium helped push Brixton Estate's pre-tax profits 26 per cent higher to £20.4

Beigium's contribution was 30 per cent higher than pre-viously reported. The 67,000 so ft first phase of the Riverside Business Park at Anderlecht is almost finished, with Kraft signed as the major tenant. The second phase, of 55,000 sq ft, is about one-third

Income climbed from

£29.68 million to £36.6 million. Earnings per share rose from 7.41p to 9.45p. A final dividend of 3.9p takes the full year payment to 6.10p (4.87p).

Brixton insulated itself from high interest rates by issuing £80 million of debentures an subsequently unwinding about £30 million of interest rate swaps at a large profit.

Brixton's major commercial projects in the UK include Texas Homecare in Croydon, Horsham Business Park and a new 24-acre site in Staines.

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as the steady fall in unemployment is re-

versed. The last two months have

shown a clear break with the previous

trend, with the seasonally adjusted

monthly fall in unemployment down to

2,000 in February and 7,000 in March,

compared with an average of about 20,000 in the final quarter of last year. If

it becomes more difficult to find a job that will help to moderate wage

Downward pressure on wage de-

mands from rising unemployment will

be just as well because in the short term

there will also be strong pressures in the

other direction. The headline rate of

inflation is set to rise a good deal

further, helped by the effect of excise

duty increases in the Budget and the impact of the poll tax, which is now expected to add a full 1.4 per cent to the

rate of inflation. The spectre of a peak rate of inflation in double figures has

become more solid.
Ultimately this is less important than

the underlying trend, but pay bargainers will understandably be influenced by

Siemens-Nixdorf link wins federal approval

path to taking over Nixdorf, due to hold their annual meetthe troubled computer ings within the next month.

Sutracts Om dea

Tm slides

The Federal Cartel Office in Federal Cartel Office might Berlin, Germany's monopo- insist that Nixdorf's profitable lies and mergers authority, has telecommunications business approved the deal, and the be sold off as Siemens has a green light is expected from strong presence in this sector, the European Commission, But unconditional approval which is also studying the has been given to the alliance,

Siemens, which is thought to have paid an estimated £1

InishTech

in £7m

purchase

INISHTECH, the plastic con-

integrated design, printing and marketing company. The ini-tial consideration will be £6.29

million with a further £1 million related to future

performance. InishTech will

be raising the cash portion of the consideration through a placing of 1.16 million new A shares at Ir£5.15 (£5.02).

The James Crean Group will also convert its Ir£3.25

the acquisition and placing.

Droyhurst has shown an-

nual profits growth of 55 per

cent during the last four years

on annual sales growth of 30

similar third interim.

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Pericom, will consist of 6 million 9.5 per cent cu-

mulative convertible pref-

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NSM expansion

purchase of Coolpian, which

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Order books are a record.

Wagon deal

Skating

around

MY APOLOGIES for return-

out nailing down its plans for

a replacement, leaving the

borough reliant on the good-will of the property devel-opers, according to the Tory opposition. The arrival of the

boarding party from Sweden

prompted suggestions that the

Swedes may be even less

enthusiastic than LET to re-

place the rink. The final blow

fell within days of the bid,

when LET announced it was

closing its Owen Owen depart-

ment store in George Street, one of the landmarks of the

district, as it was no longer economically viable." As the

borough wonders what other

shocks LET and its soon-to-be

new owners have for it, the

local Labour candidate, Si-

mon Fowler, fulminates on

the company's "baleful" in-fluence on the borough and

Wonders: "It would be fas-

cinating to discover how

much more of Richmond is Chally owned by the London

Some analysts feared the to be known as Siemens-Nixdorf Informationssysteme.

to have paid an estimated fi The European Commission largest hardware company, billion for an initial 51 per revealed in January that it with a turnover of about £4.2

SIEMENS, the West German cent stake in Nixdorf, is still intended to study the merger billion. The fortunes of electronics group, is confident awaiting the approval of both for any anti-competitive efforts in the confidence of clearing all obstacles in its sets of shareholders, who are feets it might have on the temperature groups. computer market. The Com- took a dive in 1988 when net mission has the power to profits slumped 90 per cent to just DM26 million (£9.5 milintervene under articles 85 and 86 of the Treaty of Rome lion) after DM264 million the after a deal has taken place.

However, it is thought to Pre-tax losses for the first agree with the Federal Cartel nine months of last year totalled DM465 million. It is Office and is unlikely to take a different line from Berlin. estimated that operating losses for the whole of 1989 The Siemens-Nixdorf mercould reach DM1 billion. ger will create Europe's largest

Nixdorf is to shed 5,000 jobs and sell its Irish factory in Bray, near Dublin.

VTR profits rise 16%

software house and second



Looking out for acquisition opportunities: John Banks, of VTR, yesterday

TR Far East up VTR, the Unlisted Securities continued to attract most of Street, Soho, which cost TR Far East Income Trust's Market company which pronet revenue, after tax, expanded from £690,000 to £1.73 million in the six months to February 28. The board looks to the future "with enthusiasm." Meanvides post-production services for advertisers, musicians and television companies, lifted pre-tax profits by 16 per cent to £602,000 in the six months to end-February (Philip while, there is a second in-terim dividend of 1p and a Pangalos writes).

The group, formerly known as Video Tape Recordings, saw turnover advance 43 per cent to £2.71 million. Earnings per share climb from 4.8p to Mr John Banks, managing 5p and the interim dividend is director, said be hoped AV's The open offer to investors in Ferrari Holdings, the com-puter services group, made in connection with the offer for

Video Tape Recordings, the end of the financial year.
division which provides about He said extensive refurbish-95 per cent of group profits, ment at premises in Dean at 109p.

television commercials. The AV Department, which

provides audio visual services, offers opportunities for VTR in the fast-growing corporate post-production mar-ket. AV has been reorganized and recruited extra staff to will concentrate on organic prepare for an expansion in growth, but will be "keeping

improved by 10 per cent to contribution to group profits could reach 20 per cent by the

its turnover from work on £750,000, is almost finished and £1.75 million of equipment is being installed, makwas acquired last June and ing the building one of the provides audio visual ser- best-equipped digital facilities in Europe, offering services at the top end of the postproduction market.

Mr Banks said the company an eye open for any nice acquisition opportunities." Gearing is about 5 per cent.

Mr Philip Lovegrove, chairman, said he was confident of another successful year.

The shares were unchanged

Mount Charlotte NSM, the open cast coalmining company, is expanding its building materials and services division with the

distributes air-conditioning and refrigeration equipment, for £900,000. ments, the hotels group where Toye & Co, the civil and military regalia group, pushed its pre-tax profits ahead from Lowndes Hotel in London as part of its £200 million dis- £300,000 a room. posal programme.

£523,000 to £690,000 in 1989. It said the 79-room four star hotel was bought for an un-disclosed sum by Manor The final dividend is lifted by 1p to 8p from earnings per share up from 16.8p to 20.2p. Holdings, a Guernsey company, on behalf of an overseas

Mount Charlotte is com-Wagon Industrial Holdings is mitted to raising £200 million buying the business and some by this summer by selling assets of Vierod and Woods for £572,000. Vierod is a hotels after last September's £645 million purchase of Thistle Holtels from Scottish specialist fabricator of carbon & Newcastle Breweries. and stainless steel process

MOUNT Charlotte Invest- looking for £24 million for the Lowndes, but Mr Robert Peel, Sir Ron Brierley's IEP has a chairman, would only say he 27.25 per cent stake, has was pleased with the price completed the sale of the paid. It is believed the Lowndes made nearly

The group sold the Gosforth Park Hotel in Newcastle for £27.3 million, or about £160,000 a room, and the Cadogan Hotel, London for about £15 million, or £216,000 a room. This gives an average of about £200,000 a room, compared with be-tween £135,000 and £145,000 at Thistle and brings the total realized so far to about £85 million, including the sale of the company's stake in Norfolk Capital Group. The company had been

BT's video telephone

THE age of the video telephone will come one step closer with the extension of British Telecom's state-of-theart Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN).

Launched last November, for tests, the service will move into a "market development stage" at the end of July with more customers and interna-tional interworking facilities. From next January ISDN will become progressively

available, reaching all digital exchanges serving businesses and high streets by end-1991. Meanwhile, BT has increased its current note issue from £300 million to £400 million with the additional issue due in February 1993.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Edge on the treadmill

ing to the good burghers of Richmond, Surrey, for the Richmond, Surrey, for the third time in a week, but it appears the purchase by the Swedish SPP insurance group of London & Edinburgh Trust has come as something of a appointment next week with a clinic, close to Harley Street, has come as something of a bombshell to them. Their concern was initially over the real-life treadmill Christopher has been so foolish as fitness. The aspiring marato choose to run in the London thou man will be tested on a future of the world-famous ice to choose to run in the London rink there, the property of LET. Fraught scenes in the Marathon on April 22, on behalf of Bob Champion's Cancer Trust. A good friend of for the time taken to complete council-room have seen alleg-ations that Richmond has the Trust is Dr Peter Wil- the marathon as a guide to his already given away its barliams, former adviser on sponsors. gaining position by allowing LET to develop the site with-

Hunter caught THE Viking invasion of British corporate life continues apace. Alexander Hughes & Associates, the head-hunter who persuaded Geoff Mulcahy to lead Woolies, has been acquired by Sweden's

Indevo, a management consultancy group. As demand is rising for executives who can tackle the pan-European jobs

now developing, the head-hunter's thrust will be equally pan-European, according to ian Telfer, the Alexander Hughes managing director who occupies the same slot with the new set-up, to be known as Alexander Hughes SES. Indevo's specialities include executive search, and the £40 million annual turnover group is expanding this side of its operations worldwide through its subsidiary SES, Scandinavia's leading

to help assess Christopher's

treadmill, which will allow

him to set a reasonable target

Connor news number one newspaper an-alyst in the 1989 Extel survey,

Disney

THE Disney Corporation is increasingly baffled by news reports that the local and much nastier equivalent of the Mafia, the Camorra, has been rebuffed for now in its bid to amass huge profits from the Disneyland amusement park planned for the north of Naples. The problem is that neither the Disney people nor their spin-off this side of the Atlantic, Euro Disneyland, is building or will be building anything outside Naples. Mickey Mouse is extraordinarily sensitive about the use of his various trademarks, and headlines that have him cuddling up with the Mafia are the US corporate equivalent of "Queen Elopes with Pope." Euro Disneyland in Paris were clearly baffled. "We've no plans to build anything in Italy," a spokesman said. "There's no relation to the Walt Disney Company in any way." The Disney people are now consulting their lawyers about issuing a full retraction, but, as my source said, "sometimes things are so ludicrous that it's head-hunters. SES owns the Stevenson group in the United better not to say anything." • LLOYD'S of London has States and has also put down

roots in Spain and Italy.

TERRY Connor, rated the is joining Smith New Court as soon as his period of purdah is over. He joins from his current billet, James Capel, and fills yet another slot in SNC's fast-growing team.

Puzzle for

managed a timely trick in its contribution to the Spital-fields Festival on behalf of the Business in the Community charity. It had booked Nicola Loud, aged 15, regarded as a promising young violinist, to play in June. But this will now be Nicola's first appearance after winning the BBC's Young Musician of the Year

competition last weekend. Martin Waller

New glass firm has Waterford

A NEW independent company supplying glass blanks under contract to Waterford Crystal is being set up by a retiring member of the board. Mr Billy Power, managing director of the Waterford Crystal division of the Waterford Wedgwood group, who is due to retire in the summer, is

blessing

The news comes as the strike by 2,300 workers at all three Waterford Crystal plants enters its second week with little sign of a settlement.

behind the venture.

Mr Power's new venture is being aided by funds from Ireland's Industrial Development Authority and will be sited close to Waterford Crystal's own plants. It is expected to employ 50 people initially, including 20 of the workers laid off from Water-ford Crystal two and a half vears ago.

The new company will get its raw materials from Waterford Crystal and is expected to supply the equivalent of up to 10 per cent of what can now be produced in Waterford Crys-

tal's own blowing rooms.
Other former Waterford
Crystal executives are being
linked with the venture, which has the approval of the Waterford Wedgwood board.

Meanwhile, Waterford Crystal's chief executive, Dr Paddy Galvin, has sent a fourpage letter to all the striking workers, appealing to them to get their union to the negotiating table. He said he wants talks "without pre-conditions on either side."

Mr Walter Cullen, district officer of the Amalgamated Transport and General Workers Union, said that if the company was sincere in wanting no pre-conditions the workers would stop the strike and negotiate. But Mr Cullen said he wanted to know what the management meant by no pre-conditions.

He added that the management had not withdrawn the question of pay cuts and negotiations could only go ahead if the original situation

Owners delays date of agm

OWNERS Abroad, the travel company, has delayed its an-nual meeting from May 1 to May 16 and postponed its dividend payment until the same date because of its acquisition of Redwing, the tour operator, approved at an extraordinary meeting this week. The group said it wanted to include the deal in its report and accounts.

COMMENT

Pay pressures adding to inflationary woes

demands.

The most worrying development in the latest economic statistics was of inflation still rising. This may change the innocent-seeming rise in the retail price index minus mortgage interest payments. In the 12 months to March, this increased by 6.3 per cent compared with 6.2 per cent in the 12 months to February.

The all-items rate of inflation jumped by much more - from 7.5 to 8.1 per cent and is certain to rise further. But this "headline" rate of inflation can give a perverse impression when the first effect of increases in taxes and interest rates designed to bring down inflation is apparently to push it up.

Underlying inflation reflects more closely the real inflationary pressures in the economy - and these are increasing. After four months of inflation ex-mortgage interest payments at 6.1 per cent, this measure has risen in the past two months. As the producer price indices showed on Monday, the increases imposed by manufacturers have accelerated, despite falling inflation in the costs of materials and fuel. Pay pressures are increasing - witness the acceleration in average earnings from 94 to 9½ per cent - and retailers are passing on the increases they are being charged.

the headline rate. By this time next year inflation is likely to be considerably lower, but the higher pay rises are along the After 18 months of high interest rates way, the more tears there will be.

Property's threat to credit

he write-offs on housing land and doubts over property values in Britain are as nothing to the pressures in the United States and Japan, in part because interest rates have been in double figures for most of the past half-decade. Property problems have become the leading threat to private debt markets in the United States ever since the collapse of much of the savings and loan industry, which caused a large new source of property loans to dry up.

Moody's Investors Service, the credit agency, cites falling property prices as the biggest factor in a sharp deteriora-tion in credit ratings which has been gathering pace over the past year. In the first quarter of 1990, Moody's downgraded the credit ratings of 95 US corporations with \$75 billion of debt and upgraded only 23 (with \$26 billion of debt). The 4-to-1 ratio compares with 2.5-to-1 during the whole of 1989, although some of the upgrades were big groups such as Texaco and Deere.

More than half the downgradings were ultimately due to falling property prices. This has meant that the credit of the financial sector particularly has come under strain, because it has been combined with the fall in prices of junk bonds, exemplified in the Drexel collapse. First-quarter downgradings included 43 banks, securities houses and

other finance groups.
Life has become so hard on the junk heap that a whole category of finance, lending in Britain and other markets

used mainly but not exclusively for leveraged buyouts and bids, has largely dried up. As the unfolding BTR bid for Norton is likely to show, that is having a marked effect on the prices of takeover bids; the almost automatic alternative of a leveraged buyout is no longer there to guarantee a bidding competition.

The reversal of soaring land values in Japan, based on a proportionately dramatic rise in interest rates from extremely low levels, is only just beginning to bite. The effect on the Japanese financial system of a combination of falling land and share prices, each reinforcing the other, may only just be beginning. Moreover, Japanese banks were prominent in later US leveraged junk bond deals and have become a late force in property finance in Britain, against the advice of the Bank of England.

Having downgraded the ratings of several Japanese trust banks, Moody's is about to do the same to some mainline banks, though stopping short of a general downgrading of institutions that have, until now, enjoyed high marks for their debt. The fear is that some have been financing property deals on the basis that loans will be serviced from capital gains from soaring land prices rather than cash flow from develop-

In a market driven by international bank competition, the upshot will surely be a further shrinkage of property

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Jaguar gears up to stay in race

Kevin Eason, Motoring Correspondent, assesses Jaguar's future against growing competition

Wayne Brown every day and then sold on to Ford, it is through the showroom win-running to stand still. dows of his dealership in the suburbs of Atlanta, Georgia.

His nearest rival sells Infiniti, the new luxury car from Nissan and one of the Japanese models which want to steal sales from Jaguar.

Mr Brown, president of Troncaili Jaguar, knows his \$4 million dealership is rated, with the other 138 Jaguar dealers in America, as among the best in the US.

Jaguars give their owners That puts all the emphasis more problems per 100 cars on quality and reliability. than any of its nearest compet-itors, except Saab. In a recent distictive "Englishness" of survey Jaguar scored 246, wood and leather trim, but compared with 174 for BMW, finding reliability is one of the 106 for Porsche and just 103 key quests for Mr Bill Hayden, for Mercedes-Benz. Nissan, who takes over from Sir John with its luxurious Infiniti in June. range, scored 111 and Toyota,

THE gulf between Jaguar and since it was rescued from near its competitors faces Mr bankruptcy by Sir John Egan

> The Japanese have entered the luxury car race and will do anything to win, offering substantial rebates to sell cars technologically superior and newer in design. And Mercedes is slashing up to \$5,000 off its cars to stay with the competition. Jaguar refuses to discount to win sales.

Those rebates count in the eyes of some buyers, with the base Jaguar XJ6 at just \$39,700 and the Infiniti at But he also knows that \$39,500 plus discounts.

now increasing sales of its join Ford's corporate board, Lexus executive model, 117.

and head of manufacturing for and head of manufacturing for onera-



cottage industry of motoring Mcrcedes, eluded him because into a major force. Sir John did much, raising from virtually hand-building

output from just 1.3 cars per man per year — a total production of 14,000 cars annually - to four per man Although Jaguar has made all Ford's European opera-vast strides in the 10 years tions, Mr Hayden, aged 61, target of six per man, the

must turn Jaguar from the figure achieved by BMW and committed to changing its model line every four or five it meant a wholesale switch

Mr Hayden wants to have Jaguar turning out 200,000 cars annually within 15 years ductivity improvements of at and making four models inleast 10 per cent, and more stead of two, a task that will be like 20 per cent, a year to keep impossible unless he sweeps stead of two, a task that will be pace with a Japanese industry away old demarcation lines

and introduces robots at the company's Browns Lane headquarters in Coventry. West Midlands.

The Jaguar chairman-designate says Jaguar's quality is good — but only for a hand-

Sir John, who lacked the cash that Ford can bring to Browns Lane, agreed with Mr Hayden that robots can carry out precision work to the engineering under the bonnet, leaving the crafstmanship to those traditional areas which make a Jaguar a Jaguar.

But the biggest strength Ford can add is in component buying Components were blamed for 60 per cent of breakdowns in Jaguar's worst days, yet the recent recall showed that much of Jaguar's reputation hangs on the ability of its suppliers.

Ford of Europe, which makes about 2 million ve-hicles a year, has the muscle to "encourage" suppliers to de-velop and supply new components to Jaguar in return for potential contracts elsewhere in the company empire.

In the end, the benefits that Ford can bring will show in the quality of cars which arrive in Mr Wayne Brown's Atlanta showroom - and determine whether he can compete against the surge of Japanese models bidding for

Time running out for Gatt talks, trade group warns By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

AN INTERNATIONAL press to undertake. Mr William sure group for free trade will Brock, President Reagan's foron Monday give warning that mer Trade Representative, intime is running out for the pre- trocheed the group, saying sent Uruguay Round of Gatt that failure to remove cominning trade barriers could cretalks on tariff reduction.

Styling themselves the Emi- ate recession. nent Persons Group on World senior individuals concerned hold their first meeting in London on Monday.

They aim to give new impetus to the Gatt negotiations, which they believe have been undermined by the increasing distractions of regional political events, such as the to world growth and opening up of Eastern Europe. prosperity."

A communiqué will be issued re-stating the principles the and benefits of free trade, and Govern in a separate document, will itemize the programme of attended by Mr Arthur high-level lobbying and other Dunkel, Secretary General of activity which the group plans Gatt.

"Promotion of free and fair Trade, the ministers and other trade has given us unprecedented economic growth since with world trade issues will the Second World War. Apa-hold their first meeting in thy now could spell the end of free trade as we know it," he

Lord Young, the British EPG member, said: The successful completion of the Gatt round this year is the key

The group is supported by New Government.

Monday's meeting will be

Profits surge at **Inchcape Pacific**

East arm of Sir George Turnbull's Inchcape group, saw after-tax profits jump 47 per cent to HK\$415 million (£32 million) for last year despite difficult trading

from HK\$9.09 billion to of cars to China were slashed HK\$9.13 billion for the year to December 31, while pre-tax profit rose 24 per cent to HK\$575 million.

chairman and chief executive, said the results had been of the yen in Japan, where percent.

NCHCAPE Pacific, the Far Inchcape has substantial trading interests.

He said business was also affected by an economic slowdown in Hong Kong, and sharply lowered demand in China as a result of Peking's tough economic policy and Turnover barely changed, June's political turnoils. Sales by two-thirds last year.

The distribution of cars such as Toyota, Mazda, Rolls-Royce and Jaguar accounts for Mr Charles Mackay, the about 40 per cent of narman and chief executive, Incheape's profits while aid the results had been commercial and industrial pulled down by the weakening activities contribute about 25

dest salesman still rakes in those Silver dollars

cars to automation.

The company needs pro-

to distraction as he sat in the sun on a Florida beach. He was supposed to be enjoying the fruits of retirement after 30 years as a top car salesman

(Kevin Eason writes). He wanted to be back in the showroom doing what he was best at: hustling cars to add to the \$75 million worth he sold during his distinguished career. Mr Wayne

BOREDOM drove Mr Irving Silver ted giving him the chance to start to distraction as he sat in the sun on again in his Jaguar showroom in Atlanta, Georgia.

Last year, at the age of 72, Mr Silver was his top salesmen, earning more than \$100,000.

Most was commission on the dozens of Jaguars he sells to Georgia's rich, middle-class professionals. He outsold the other five salesmen in the business, some of whom earn about half his commission, yet Brown, an old friend, never regret-

works only half the time. Colleagues say Mr Silver looks like a favourite nncle who customers trust when trying to decide where to spend \$40,000 on a luxury car in a market where prices are being slashed by US, Japanese and German makers

to maintain sales. Jaguar does not "make deals" and the sticker price on the windscreen is not negotiable.

Mr Silver, who has sold more than

520 Jaguars, persuades and then first quarter. Sales of 4,744 up to hands the customer a dozen roses and a bottle of champagne. Even an operation for cancer and

open-heart surgery have failed to prevent him from showing "there is life after 65." The chances of an even more

successful year with Jaguar are growing throughout the US - which kes about half of production from the Coventry factory - after a record

to bring back Mr Silver, thought to be the company's oldest salesman throughout the 139 US dealerships and anywhere else in the world

"It worked like a dream," he said.

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Mr Brown, president of Troncalli Jagnar, is delighted with his decision

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WALL STREET

shares an early boost PRICES rose in early trading the course of the economy. after a surprise drop of 0.6 per Sydney - The All-Ord-cent in March retail sales inaries index finished 7.5 when Wall Street expected a lower at 1,498.4.

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Yoshio Shimoyama, the head of equities at Nikko Securities, said: "It has been a volatile market. Real buying was himited, centring on several spe-cific shares as well as blue-chip electrical and pharmaceutical ssues." Turnover was only about 430 million shares compared with Wednesday's 500 million. The index fluctuated rapidly, particularly in the afternoon. It rose by 250 points after the opening, was down almost 200 at midday and down 312 in the early afternoon. In

hunting mixed with profittaking to create volatility. The listiess performance of the broader market suggested that index-linked buying fo-cused mainly on the Nikkei.

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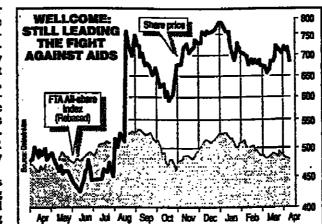
Retail sales data give Activity in Rival drug fears hit Wellcome shares an early boost options

15p to 690p, depressed by the threat of increased com-182 points petition for Retrovir, its anni-Aids drug. Attention has now switched to Glaxe, up 24p at 814p, which, in December, THE Nikkei index climbed 182.92 points, or 0.62 per announced that it had linked-cent, to 29,623.20 after dip-ping 184.40 on Wednesday. ping 184.40 on Wednesday. Canadian pharmaceuticals group, to develop Aids treatments. A product called GR well off their late-afternoon 103665 is now in the early

peaks in thin, but volatile stages of testing. Glaxo's Canadian partner is tradings. Brokers attempting to profit on positions before in London this week, giving yesterday's expiration of April presentations for analysts and options pushed the Nikkei up. fund managers, including Bargain-hunting in elec-trical issues belped. Mr Kleinwort Benson which led the buying of Glaxo yesterday. A spokesman for Glaxo said it had nothing to add to its original statement.

Mr Jonathan de Pass, a pharmaceuticals analyst at Barclays de Zoete Wedd, said that it was early days yet and that testing would continue for sometime. Mr Andrew Porter at Nikko Securities said: "Our view remains that, while the IAF venture is interesting and may lead to potential Aids therapies, it will be four years or so before a product arrives on the market - even if given quick approval."

pulation of the index, bargain-Both analysts remain convinced that this product is not a significant medium-term threat to Wellcome's Retrovir. which is still the only ap-proved Aids drug ML Laberatories, which is quoted on



the Third Market announced this week that it was also working on an Aids treatment. ML rose 10p to 338p. The rest of the equity market ended the first leg of the three-week Easter account on a firm note,

Metal Bulletin, the trade journal publisher, is moving from the USM to a full told at the annual meeting that all journals were seeing an increase in paid ulation. The bulk of profits this year will be carned in the second half. The shares held steady at 116p.

helped by a confident start on Wall Street where prices continued to edge towards record highs. After fluctuating in narrow limits throughout the morning the FT-SE 100 index closed near its high, 6.6 up at 2,222.1. The FT index of 30 shares also added 7.7 at 1,741.0. But turnover remained thin at 324.5 million shares as investors proved reluctant to open new positions before the extended

Government securities lost a lead to finish with falls stretching to almost £1 at the longer end after worse-thanexpected news on inflation.

A programme trade resulted in one broker buying a num-ber of blue chips. Some hefty lines of stock were shown on the ticker, including 315,000 British Gas, 1p firmer at 209p, 216,000 Grand Metropolitan, up 6p at 583p, 453,000 Marks and Spencer, ½p lighter at 199p, 216,000 ECC Group, Ip

Hovis McDougall, 2p cheaper at 385p and 386,000 Shell, 1p

up at 446p. The water stocks continued to reel from the Government's poor showing in the opinion polls and threats by the Labour Party to re-nationalize the industry. There are also doubts about the ability of the companies to meet the costs

expected from the ban on North Sea dumping. The water package of shares fell £8 to £1,410 and now stands just above the levels achieved in first-time dealings in December. Many of the premiums among the underlying shares have also been whittled away. Falls were seen in Anglian, Ip to 142p, North West, 2p to 140p, Thames, 2p to 132p, Welsh, 3p to 165p, Wessex, 1p to 140p, and Yorkshire, 3p to 160p. South-

GF Lovell, the sweet maker which has diversified into construction, closed all-square at 2021/2p, after 208p. Three institutions — Robert Fleming, Ensign Trust and Save & Prosper – have swapped a 21 per cent stake in Dennis Ruabon, the tile maker, for a 2.4 per cent holding in Lovell.

ern was unchanged at 132p as was South West at 152p. Only Northembrian, up 1p at 155p, and Severn Trent, Ip better at 199p, 216,000 ECC Group, 1p harder at 358p, 225,000 Ranks BTR firmed 8p to 422p after a

judge in Boston cleared the way for the group to proceed with its \$1.6 billion bid for

Norton. Laing Properties slipped 3p to 719p after the 725p-a-share offer from Pail Mall went unconditional. Persistent bid talk also gave Priest Marians, the debi-ladened property group, a firm start, but it failed to hold on to it, closing 5p

lower at 260p, after 275p. The rest of the property sector also showed signs of running out of steam after the heady gains seen this week. Hammerson fell 16p to 7981/2p in the ordinary and 10p to 755p in the A.

Land Securities feli 12p to 496p after a sell recommendation by Kleinwort Benson.

Body Shop jumped 29p to 4671/2p after confirmation that it had linked-up with Jusco, the Tokyo department store group, to open at least 50 stores in Japan on a franchise basis. The Body Shop price has been depressed along with other specialist retailers. Jusco already has links with Laura

Ashley, unchanged at 54p. Polly Peck, the fruit packaging and electronics group, firmed another 3p to 4071/2p after a number of meetings with brokers this week. Erskine House, the office equipment group, tumbled 47p to 1211/2p after issuing a profits

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Johnson two years to restore Campbell Soup Company's profits performance or the company will face a certain

The Australian is also given a very good chance of achieving this objective by the same Wall Street analysts who for many years have written off Campbell as an also-ran in the US foods sector.

Mr Johnson, aged 57 walked into a potential minefield when he took over as chief executive of Campbell in January after turning around Gerber Products, the babyfood producer.

The Dorrance family, which controls 48 per cent of Campbell, showed signs of splitting last year and its chairman, Mr Robert Vlasic, had floated plans to merge with the larger, more successful Quaker Oats. Mr Len Teitelbaum, a

Merrill Lynch analyst, described Mr Johnson as "outstanding, he knows how to make a decision, importantly when to make it, and is a very good analyst of information." In an interview with The Times, Mr Johnson outlined his plans to take the company from near the bottom of the US food sector in terms of

profit and return on equity

quickly as possible.Campbell tions, which Mr Johnson Soup ranks with Coca-Cola described as a classic case of and McDonald's as the bestknown US brand names, but its profit performance has long disappointed Wall Street.

Over the last five years its average return on equity was 15.4 per cent against the

together properly," he said. He has recently closed three of industry leader, Kellogg, its factories and is selling which achieved a 43.7 per cent another with the resulting loss return. In terms of sales of 1,200 jobs, representing 40

management."

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6 The company is poised to be one of the best food companies in the world . . . We just need to concentrate on the bottom line

growth, Campbell has improved by only 7.9 per cent over five years against 33.5 per cent for Conagra and earnings per share growth has been a poor 8.2 per cent against 32.6 per cent for Quaker Oats.

Mr Johnson has put early emphasis on the international division which last year made an \$80.9 million loss on sales of \$1.5 billion. This loss, after a \$152.8 million restructuring charge, compared with total company sales of \$5.7 billion and a net profit of \$13.1 million.

The company has moved performance to near the top as British frozen food opera-

per cent of the company's British workforce.

Mr Johnson, who prides himself on attention to the bottom line, quickly added: This has meant an increase in plant capacity of 60-80 per productivity per employee of 20 per cent.

Next on the list of restructurings is Lazzaroni, the Italian biscuit operations, which is also performing badly.

Campbell was a steady buyer in the European market last year, but Mr Johnson does not see Europe as being a quickly to fix Freshbake, its source of rapid growth over

can operations, bringing the Canadian business under control of the US chief, Mr Herb

Mr Johnson at Gerber made some of the improvements through asset sales. But the Wheat First Securities analyst Mr John Maxwell said his task at Campbell will be harder because there are no obvious things to sell. "It is just a matter of getting better returns on the existing business."

Mr Teitelbaum said: "Mr ohnson will achieve his aims if he uses the same approach he did at Gerber using disci-pline, reduction of fixed costs, control over variable costs and better use of capital."

Mr Johnson supports this prognosis saying attention to the bottom line will be the only thing that keeps the company independent. The company is poised to be one of the best food companies in the world, it has got very good brands and very good brains. We just need to concentrate on the bottom line," he said.

Wall Street is giving Mr Johnson the benefit of the doubt and the company is now trading at near its one-year high of \$60 a share.

John Durie

Pickens challenges tie-up deals by Japan car makers

Tokyo
THE Texas oilman and investor Mr T. Boone Pickens has asked Japan's Fair Trade Commission (FTC) to examine whether exclusive business arrangements between Japanese car makers and parts suppliers violate anti-trust laws, a lawyer for his Boone Corp said in a statement.

This is the first time that Mr Pickens, who has a reputation in the US as a canny corporate raider, has challenged the Japanese car industry's business affiliations.

Mr Pickens has a vested interest: he holds 26.4 per cent of Koito Manufacturing, a leading parts maker that is affiliated to Toyota, its second-ranked shareholder with



Pickens: corporate raider Mr Pickens said in the complaint filed with the FTC that Japan's 11 car makers force component makers to supply their products at unfairly low prices, in violation the anti-monopoly law.

strict competition among parts makers and hinder the entry of other firms, especially foreign ones, into the Japanese market, it said.

The US Federal Trade Commission began a similar investigation last Friday and the US House of Representatives committee of jurists will hold a hearing in early May on Japan's car parts trade, the statement said. Earlier this year Mr Pickens

filed a lawsuit in Tokyo against Koito in an attempt to gain access to Koito's accounts. Last December, Koito rejected Pickens' requests to nominate four seats on the Koito board, on which Toyota

Economists in Labour poll vote

NARROW majority of 51 per cent of Britain's leading economists now think that a Labour government would be good for the economy, accordng to an opinion poll published in the Economist magazine.

Only 37 per cent of the 77 City and academic economists polled considered that Labour would be bad for the economy, while 12 per cent saw a political switch making no

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Law Report April 13 1990 Court of Appeal

Injured passenger cannot sue

Pitts v Hunt and Another Before Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Balcombe and Lord Justice Reldam

Where after an evening of heavy drinking the rider of a motor cycle, aided and abetted by his passenger, illegally drove the cycle on a public road in a dangerous manner which re-sulted his death and injuries to the passenger, the passenger could maintain no claim in negligence against the estate of

The Court of Appeal so held in reserved judgments in dismissing an appeal by the plaintiff, Andrew James Pitts, from Judge Fallon, QC, sitting in Bristol as a High Court judge

in Bristol as a High Court judge in the Winchester District Registry of the Queen's Bench Division, ([1989] 3 WLR 795) who had dismissed the plaintiff's claim in negligence against the first defendants, the personal representatives of Mark James Hunt, the rider of the motor cycle, who was killed in the accident. Leave to appeal was granted. was granted.

The court also stated that section 148(3) of the Road Traffic Act 1972, now replaced by section 149 of the Road Traffic Act 1988, precluded the first defendants from relying on the defence of volenti non fit injuria and that it had not been open to the trial judge to make a finding of 100 per cent contributory negligence by the plaintiff.

There was no appeal from the judge's dismissal of the plain-tiff's claim against the second defendant, Mr Richard Mark Jewell, the driver of a car

Mr John Peppitt, QC and Mr Anthony Coleman for the plain-tiff, Mr William Barnett, QC and Mr Richard Methuen for

involved in the accident,

LORD JUSTICE BELDAM said that on September 10, 1983, Mark Hunt, then aged 16, and his friend the plaintiff, aged 18, went to a discotheque in Shipton. Mark had a motor cycle which he used as a trail bike, but, as the plaintiff knew, he did not have a licence and was not insured to use the cycle on a road.

The two drank far more than was good for them, and at 11.15pm set off on the cycle with Mark driving. The effects of intoxication exerted themseives, and they behaved in a reckless, irresponsible and idiotic way.

Two army officers walking along the road saw the cycle being driven from side to side of the road and travelling at about 50mph. The horn was being blown and the rider and pasr were shouting "booray"

The cycle appeared to be coming directly towards the officers and they had to move on to the verge to get out of the

The rider and passenger were clearly showing no concern for other road users and the judge drew the inference that they were deliberately riding in a way calculated to frighten others. The cycle struck a car being driven by the second defendant

at a reasonable speed and on the correct side of the road. The injuries received by the rider were fatal and the plaintiff The judge found that the plaintiff was at least aiding and abetting both the reckless and dangerous driving by the rider. whom he knew was under age, drunk and uninsured, and the deliberate purpose of frighten-

ing other road users. The judge considered the defences raised by the first defendants and held — which was the principal issue in the appeal - that the action failed by reason of the maxim ex turpi sa non oritur actio.

It had been a rule of public olicy since Holman v Johnson ((1775) 1 Cowp 341) that a court would not lend its aid to a person who founded his cause of action on an illegal or immoral

That rule had been held to extend to cases where an insured had sought indemnity under a policy of insurance for liability caused through his own unlawful acts, but cases involving the use of a motor vehicle on the highway had been treated exceptionally.

A distinction had there been

drawn between accidents result-ing from intentional acts, where indemnity would be denied, and those where the act was grossly egligent but unintentional. His Lordship considered a number of authorities and said that they illustrated that the courts had adjusted the application of the maxim to changing social conditions, and in particular to the policy underlying the road traffic Acts.

Decisions in other jurisdictions of the policy traffic Acts.

tions, where there might be different social attitudes, were of secondary guidance, although of course entitled to respect and consideration.

The authorities established

that it was the conduct of the person seeking to base his claim on an unlawful act that was determinative of the application of the maxim.

Mr Peppitt drew attention to the test applied by Mr Justice Hutchison in Thackwell v Barclays Bank plc ([1986] 1 All ER 676, 687) which "involved the court looking at the quality of the illegality relied on by the defendant and all the surrounddistinctions, and seeking to answer two questions: first, whether there had been illegality of which the court should take notice and, second, whether in all the circumstances it would be an affront to the public con-science if by affording him the relief sought the court was seen to be indirectly assisting or encouraging the plaintiff in his criminal act."

The view of Lord Justice Bingham in Saunders v Edwards ([1987] 1 WLR 1116) (where Mr Justice Hutchison's test was approved) was that the courts had tended to adopt a pragmatic approach, seeking where possible to see that genuine wrongs were righted so long as the court did not thereby promote or countenance a nefarious object or bargain which it was bound to

If the driver and passenger of a motor vehicle jointly commit-ted an offence or series of offences, so serious that the driver was precluded on the ground of public policy from claiming indemnity under a policy of insurance required to be effected under the road traffic Acts for the benefit of a pasanently partially would preclude the passenger from claiming compensation

On the facts found by the industrial account were judge the plaintiff was playing a full and active part in encourage not such as to disable the court ing the rider to commit offences which, if the death of anyone else had occurred, would have amounted to manslaughter.

It would have been man-

slaughter by virtue not of gross negligence but of a dangerous act done either with the intention of frightening other road users or with reckless disregard for the consequences, by reason of self-induced intoxication.

In those circumstances, the plaintiff was precluded on the ground of public policy from recovering compensation.
It was not desirable to anempt

further to categorize the degree of seriousness involved in ofes which would not preclude recovery of compensi but the public attitude had changed markedly with the increasing number of drinkrelated accidents, and the public conscience was increasingly being focused not only on those who committed the offence but also on those who asked the driver to drink and drive.

A further issue in the appear concerned the defence of volenti Although it was obvious that the plaintiff had voluntarily undertaken to run the risk of injury by taking part in a foolbardy, risky and illegal activity, section 148(3) of the 1972 Act clearly meant that it was no leaser one to the driver. was no longer open to the driver of a motor vehicle to say that the fact of his passenger travelling in circumstances in which it could be said that he had willingly accepted a risk of negligence on the driver's part, relieved the driver of liability for such

negligence.
That conclusion was supported by the Scottish decision of Winnick v Dick (1984 SLT 185), and his Lordship arrived at that conclusion with some relief as the rights of a passenger should not suffer a change as the vehicle crossed the border be-tween England and Scotland.

The final issue concerned the judge's decision that the plaintiff would have had any damages reduced to nil by reason of his own fault.

Although it was strictly unnecessary to express a view, the judge was wrong in that

Section 1 of the Law Reform Contributory Negligence) Act 945 began with the premise that the person suffered damage as a result partly of his own fault and partly of the fault of some other person or persons. Further provisions in the Act presupposed that the person suffer-ing the damage would recover

There could not therefore be a finding of 100 per cent contribu-

LORD JUSTICE BALCOMBE, concurring, said that in a case such as the present the ritual incantation of the maxim ex turpi causa was more likely to confuse than to illuminate.
His Lordship preferred to

adopt the approach of the majority in the Australian case of Jackson v Harrison ((1978) 138 CLR 438), which was to consider what would have been the cause of action had there been no joint illegal enterprise, and then to consider whether to preclude the existence of that cause of action.

court to differentiate between Andover, Lamport Bassitt, joint enterprises which, al-

from determining the spe of care to be observed, and those where it was impossible to determine the standard of care. Although an assessment of the

degree of moral namitude beadopted the Jackson approach, there was moral turnatude of a high degree in the present case,

His Lordship agreed with Lord Justice Dilion that the position under the principal issue was not affected by section 148(3) of the 1972 Act.

LORD JUSTICE DILLON, also concurring, said, on the principal issue, that the factual situations in which the courts in Australia (where the matter had arisen more often than in Engarrien may out that a passenger in-had held that a passenger in-jured by the "negligence" of the driver in the course of a joint

driver in the course of a joint criminal enterprise could not recover damages, were clear.

But the reasoning by which those courts had reached their conclusions from common law principles was less clear, and there was the problem of how they want like the problem of how the Australian approach was reconcilable with recent developments in the English courts, also purportedly based on common law principles, in cases, starting with Thackvell, to which the judge below was

not referred.

His Lordship surveyed the authorities and said that be did not find the "public conscience" test satisfactory. One reason was that appeal to the public conscience would be likely to lead to a graph of illegalities according to moval turpitude. The difficulty of formulating a criterion for marketing page of realize. not referred. for separating cases of serious illegality from ones which were not so serious was insoluble:

Lord Justice Binghrin's dichotomy in Saunders between cases where the plaintiff's action in truth arose directly ex tarpicants and cases where the plaintiff had suffered a genuine wrong to which allegedly sublivial conduct was incidental avoided that difficulty. avoided that difficulty.

On a distillation of the law that had evolved in Australia, the position that had been reached there was that for relief to be denied on the ground of illegality, the circumstances of the joint illegal venture in the course of which the accident occurred had to be such as to negate, as between the plaintiff and defendant, any ordinary standard of care.

tion between the reckless driving in the present case and the reckless driving of the cars, albeit stolen, in Smith v Jenkins (1970) 119 CLR 397) and (1970) 119 CLR 397) and Bondarento v Sommers ((1967), 69 SR (NSW) 269). In Lord Justice Bingham's formulation, the plaintiff's action arose directly ex turpi causa.

Section 148(3) of the 1972 Act did not affect ex turpi causa because it was concerned to preclude a defence of volenti, and not with any defence of

The words "agreement or understanding" in the section tild not contemplate an illegal agreement, express or tacit, to carry out an illegal purpose. Solicitors: Kenwright & Cox

Interest amount no bar to summary judgment

O'Connor v Amos Bridgman
Abattoirs Ltd
Before Mr Justice Scott Baker

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BAKER said that the plaintiff's claim was for damages for personal injuries. The only issue remaining was quantum of [Judgment March 7]

17 of the Judgments Act 1838, receive an unfairly large amount receive an uniarry large amount of interest on the damages ultimately awarded to him, was not a reason for depriving him of a summary judgment, under Order 14 of the Rules of the Supreme Court, to which he would otherwise be entitled.

Mr Justice Scott Baker, sitting in the Queen's Bench Division at Exeter Castle, so held in a chambers judgment, reported with his Lordship's permission, dismissing an appeal by the defendant, Amos Bridgman Abattors Ltd, trading as Mid Devon Meat, against a decision of Mr District Registrar Lowis granting leave to the plaintiff, Kevin George O'Connor, to enter summary judgment for damages to be assessed es to be as

Mr David Gerrey for the Mr David Gerrey for the staintiff, Mr Christopher Sharp or the defendant.

MR JUSTICE SCOTT

The defendants second point related to costs. Hunu v R. M. Douglas (Roafing) Ltd ([1988] 3 WLR 975) decided that a litiplaintiff; Mr Christopher Sharp for the defendant.

It was argued that the defendant would be disadvantaged by the registrar's order because of the effect of section 17 of the 1838 Act which provided that every judgment debt should carry interest at the rate of 15 per cent per annum from the per cent per annum from the time of judgment. The defen-dant would have to pay interest at 15 per cent upon such sum as was eventually agreed by the parties or assessed by the court.

rate was currently 13 per cent. A plaintiff would normally expect plaintiff would normally expect interest on the special damage at half that rate from the date of the accident until judgment, on the damages for pain and suffering at 2 per ceut from the date of service of the writ until judgment and on future loss no interest at all. Yet in lieu of that the plaintiff would receive 15 the plaintiff would receive 15 per cent on the whole award.

The short term investment

It was argued that the effect in the present case was that the plaintiff was entitled to interest on his costs from the date of summary judgment. While that might be all very well for costs already incurred, most of the costs were likely to be incurred

in the future on the assessment of damages. Interest was sup-posed to be compensation for being kept out of one's money His Lordship considered European Asian Bank v Punjab & Sind Bank (No 2) ([1983] 1
WLR 642) and Putty v Barnard (The Times January 23) and said that he did not accept that the residual discretion under Order 14 was sufficiently wide for a court to make an order in such a form as not to bring an Order 14 judgment within the terms of section 17 of the 1838

Act.
The defendant's complaint in the present case related to the consequences of a judgment on

gant who had been awarded costs was entitled to interest on those costs from the date of judgment rather than the date the taxation of costs was completed.

liability. The fact that the consequences of giving judgment for the plaintiff might result in an unjust result as regards interest on the damages that might ultimately be awarded was not a good reason for was not a good reason for depriving the plaintiff of a judgment to which he was otherwise entitled.

If Order 14 judgment were refused the defendant would have no answer to an immediate trial on liability. But the trial would be a non-event. The defendant could advance no reason why the plaintiff should

The answer to the defendant's grievance was that the court ought to have some discretion under section 17 of the 1838 Act as to whether to award interest on damages and costs. Unfortu-nately, there was no such discretion.

It would not be right to deprive the plaintiff of a judg-ment to which he was entitled because the consequences of the judgment would be particularly

Solicitors: Bond Pearce, Exe-ter; Dunn & Baker, Exeter.

No power to order surety for minors

In re H (Minors) Before Lord Justice Glidewell, Lord Justice Stocker and Lord Justice Butler-Sloss [Judgment March 29]

Where children had been taken out of the jurisdiction by their paternal grandfather and the mother then had them made wards of court and obtained an order for interim care and control, the court exceeded its jurisdiction in ordering that the father provide a surety of £25,000 from a member of his minors were not returned to the

The Court of Appeal so held in allowing an appeal against such an order, made by Mr Justice Anthony Lincoln, and allowing an application for leave to appeal out of time, by the father of three minors who had been taken to Pakistan by their paternal grandfather.

Mr T. A. C. Coningsby, QC and Mr Strart R. Neale for the father, Mr Rodger Hayward-Smith, QC and Mr Roderic Wood for the mother.

LORD JUSTICE BUTLER. SLOSS said that it was accepted that the wording of the order was inconsistent in that the requirement that the minors be returned within 21 days was inconsistent with the acceptance of the father's undertaking to use his best endeavours to return the children to the care

Although the wardship jurisdiction was wide it did have limits: see *In re X (a Minor)* ([1975] Fam 47). To the knowledge of the court and counsel there was no precedent for the order made by

The usual circumstances in which a bond was required was where a parent wished to take children out of the jurisdiction on an access visit and it was used to encourage their return. The normal practice was for their to be consent to a bond as a precondition of the order - not

That was far removed from the facts in the instant case

been made and the father had undertaken to use his best endeavours to bring them back. In such circumstances the order In such circumstances the order required the surety to guarantee what he could not fulfill.

It had not been satisfactory

for the court to order the father to provide a surety from his family without examining who the surety was, whether he understood the nature of his obligation and whether the money was actually available.

The order had been designed to put pressure on the wider family but, on the facts, the imposition of an surety at such an early stage was premature. In the absence of an express find-ing that the father had connived with the grandfather in the

removal of the children the propriety and effectiveness of using the procedure was

This was not a case to extend the limits in which the wardship jurisidiction could be exercised. Her Ladyship emphasized that nothing should be taken as approving the removal of the children from England and no one had any right to keep them out of the jurisdiction.

Lord Justice Stocker and Lord concurring judgments.

Solicitors: Afzal, Waltham-stow for Aziz & Co, Manchester, Clinton Davis Cushing & Kelly, Clapton.

Discrimination will normally be inferred from primary facts

Baker v Cornwall County

In cases of alleged discrimination, direct evidence of discrimination was seidom going to be available and accordingly the affirmative evidence of discrimination would normally consist of inferences to be drawn from the primary

The Court of Appeal (Lord

Farquharson and Sir Roger Ormrod) so held in a reserved judgment on March 28 when dismissing the appeal of Mrs. Jacqueline Anne Baker against the dismissal by the Employ-ment Appeal Tribunal on Feb-nary 26, 1988 of her appeal from the decision of an indus-trial tribunal sitting at St Austell on July 29, 1987 to reject her complaint that she had been discriminated against unlaw-fully in the course of her

employment by Cornwall explanation.

County Council on the ground LORD JUSTICE NEILL said that if discrimination took place in circumstances which were consistent with the treatment being based on grounds of sex or race the industrial tribunal should be prepared to draw the inference that the discrimination was on such grounds unless
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Backwards glauce: an enthusiast examines the rear of a 1959 Cadillac Vista Panoramic Sedan de Ville in a south London saleyard

The Yanks are coming

hey were cars that filled the big screen. After Humphrey Bogart stubbed out his cigar-ette, pulled up the collar of his raincoat and pulled down the tip of his fedora, he stepped into a car that seemed a mile long. In the Fifties and Sixties Britain of my youth, cars were tiny (Kevin Eason writes). They were Morris Minors and Austin A30s - fine for Dixon of Dock Green, but not for

Bogart and Bacall. Cars in America had fins like giant sharks, headlamps as big as the floodlights at White Hart Lane and boots (or trunks as the Americans intriguingly described them) into which, it seemed, you could fit your entire street. Even. the names were bigger and more romantic . . . they had Thunderbirds, we had Minors.

The Buicks and Pontiacs seemed as remote then as the prospect of running into Bogart shopping at the Co-op.

However, times have changed and these gorgeous gas-guzziers are taking their place as a new cult in the classic car market. Enthusiasts who have seen the movies. can now watch the video, choose their classic, then drive the car. The Luxury and Power show room in Lewisham, south Lon-

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American classic cars, vehicles with

grand names and fins to match, are

finding an appreciative market in Britain

don, has found a way of bridging the Atlantic to bring the romance of American motoring to the streets of Britain.

Cars are bought by the firm's American-based partner, David Rogers, and filmed on video for showing to customers in the UK. Mr Rogers spends almost every day cruising small-town America looking for cars, particularly those built in the Fifties and Sixties. If

he sees one parked in a driveway, he stops and makes an offer on the spot. Even if the car is not for sale, many people are happy to hand over their ageing Buicks and Pontiacs.

The cars are filmed inside and out, their details logged and the video sent to Lewisham for viewing by potential customers. The car follows later by ship.

At a time when prices for classic British cars have soared, American cars are growing in popularity.

They are cheap by classic car standards, and the supply is plentiful according to Vaun Richards, of Lixury and Power.

Parts for a Buick are 3,000 miles away, however. Luxury and Power, like many of the businesses entering the classic American imports market, has begun im-porting components. Many are bought by the box-load at closing down sales in the United States; "There are thousands of good others are bought direct from cars all over the United States," he says. "We never buy in the cities. manufacturers.

We go to small towns and commu-

nities where there are many cars

20 or 30 years old, but in good

condition and often with very low

"What buyers discover is that there are some beautiful American

cars which are very luxurious

indeed, but they are not as expensive as British classic cars.

That market has gone crazy. Some

people who want classics, but on a budget, are turning towards

Demand has meant a British

classic, such as the Jaguar MKII, is being priced out of the budgets of

most enthusiasts. The best restored models can now fetch £50,000 or £60,000. Many American classics are selling for less than

Buyers of British classic cars

have no worries with parts. If an

old Jaguar breaks down, there is

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American cars."

Awareness in the United States of the market is growing as the British and the Japanese buy Fifties and Sixties cars in their thousands. It can only be a matter of time before prices escalate for American classics, although they are unlikely to rise to the levels of most British and European classic

American cars are being fea-tured in many British motor exhibitions. Shows will be held at Flyfield Green, Guildford, today and on Sunday at Syon Park, Chiswick.

American cars will also be featured at the International Classic and Sportscar Show at Bir-mingham's National Exhibition Centre from May 5 to 7.

The display will include Clark Gable's exotic Duesenberg, the King of Morocco's 1954 De Soto and a 1913 version of the Stutz

Homing in on the Range Rover

Mercedes mounts a

new challenge

FOR THE first time in its 20-year history, the Range Rover has a rival as the world's best goanywhere vehicle. Making its UK debut at the British International Motor Show in September will be the second-generation Mercedes-Benz Geländewagen, or G-Series.

The name lacks charisma, and the styling is only marginally improved, but the new G features S-Class car luxury while completely changed mechanicals provide undreamt-of refinement

Lost to the British market is the utility model of the past 10 years, unless you have a private army and want to order military-

specification vehicles.

The Range Rover will still win
the styling kudos, but the new G is more socially acceptable, with eight new metallic paint colours and an interior unrecognizable

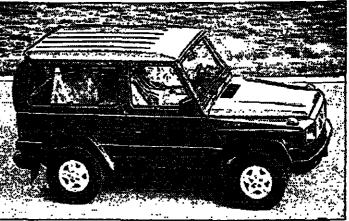
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Mercedes has used the instrument pack from its mediumsize cars. Where once there was painted metal, there is now woodand-luxury trim. Seats are plush and supportive; leather is optional. The luggage compartment, via a still-narrow door, will take a golf bag and, with the seats folded, a washing machine and a refrig-

Engines — six-cylinder three-litre petrol or diesel only for the UK market — are from current cars and provide improved performance and responsiveness, yet less noise. The vehicle can pull an

■ Nissan is slashing prices of its two main models, the Bluebird and the Micra. The British-built Bluebird, due to be replaced this year, is now up to £1,600 cheaper than an equivalent Vauchail Cavaller, £1,550 less than a Peugeot 405, and £1,000 less than a Sierra 1.6 Laser. Prices of the Micra are cut to £4,995 for base models -- £895 less than the VW Polo, Peugeot 205 and Engl Electe

205 and Ford Flesta. ■ Ford's new Fiesta model has hieved a record for first-year sales in Europe. In the 12 months to April, almost 540,000 Fiestas have been sold, beating the previous record established by the



Off-road luxury: the latest Mercedes-Benz Geländewagen

ocean-going yacht on a trailer. Even off-road experts were caught off-guard by the car. One who told Mercedes engineers that "his" G did not seem to accelerate as fast as those of his colleagues was assounded to find he was driving a diesel. It was so quiet he assumed it was a petrol version,

Like the Range Rover, the G now has permanently engaged four-wheel drive. Its off-road ability comes from no fewer than three differential locks; one each across the front and rear axles, one in the centre transmission be-

Even the off-road experts were caught off-guard by the car

tween the two. These are engaged electrically and hydraulically via facia switches, eliminating the need to haul on levers by the driver's seat.

The G needs its locks because the wheels have less articulation than the Range Rover's, making it more difficult to keep them in contact with the ground over extreme terrain. Climbing ability is assessed as 80 per cent, or the inclination of an average staircase.

The lesser movement in the wheels, combined with a rear antiroll bar gives the G a more positive "feel" through corners where a Range Rover tends to roll more. An ace in the Range Rover's favour is its superior anti-lock (ABS) brakes, developed jointly with Wabco, the company responsible for the system on the legendary Porsche 959.

The G-Series has a front-disc, rear-drum set-up, and when in use, the ABS "cycles" slowly, with a lot of kick-back through the brake pedal. The ultra-fast Range Rover system operates continu-ously on or off the road; on the G, it disengages automatically as soon as you hit the differential lock buttons. Build quality, questionable with Range Rovers, is excellent, as you would expect with a Mercedes.

Mercedes UK has not put up G-Series prices for 18 months, so when new-model deliveries start in October or November, prices will reflect inflation and improved equipment levels. Expect about £30,000 for a top-specification 300GE petrol-engine, long-wheelbase model

The three-litre 300GE petrol develops 170bhp and gives a top speed of 103 mph and acceleration to 60 mph in less than 13 seconds. The three-litre 300GD diesel produces 113bhp. Top speed is 84 mph, with standing 60 mph acceleration in 21.7 seconds. Performance figures are for shortwheelbase, manual, five-speed gearbox models.

Russell Bray

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Golf in 1983-84, which achieved 80,000 fewer cars. E Success for Britain at last in a sector traditionally dominated by the Japanese - the 4x4 off-road market. The Land-Rover Discovery outsold its nearest competitor by two to one last month, with 596 leaving UK showrooms. That contributed to the best monthly production figures in the history of

saloon in a barrage of publicity almed at wooing some fleet buy-ers away from conventional choices, such as the Vauxhall Cavalier and Ford Orion. Prices range from £11,295 to £15,995 for turbo-charged highperformance version.

The Vauxhall Cavalier took the important best saloon car up to 2000cc category prize in the Fleet News awards this week. The model beat tough competition from the Ford Sierra Sapphire, Paugeot 405, Rover Montego and Ford Escort. The Rover 800 was best executive fleet car and the

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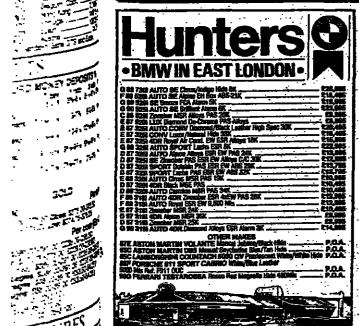
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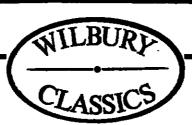
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However, many people started up during the recession of the early 1980s because they were unemployed and had redundancy

The report, based on information from nearly 2,000 of the bank's own start-up customers, is part of a continuing survey of small businesses.

While 32 per cent said they were attracted by the money, 29 percent sought independence, 21 per cent wanted a more fulfilling career, and only 15 per cent were driven by unemployment or the prospect of it. NatWest says 93 per cent of people starting up had full-time or part-time jobs. But it believes some respondents who gave positive reasons may actually have seen "the writing on the wall from their employers."

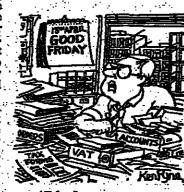
NatWest also found that most business newcomers now seek advice on starting up. During the recession, many used redundancy money to start up without getting sional advice and went out of business in the mid-1980s. The largest group in the survey, 31 per cent, used NatWest as their main source of advice, they being the

bank's customers, and 16 per cent-

favoured enterprise agencies. The independence motive is reflected by the 37 per cent who relied on their savings for finance. Surprisingly, 39 per cent of the sample had no O-levels, but 51 per cent claimed a vocational qualification.

Mr Andrew Hunter, of Nat-West's small business services, said: "Finding start-ups is expensive. The advertising is costly and we have to offer good deals because of the intense competition. And all the advice we offer is free."

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Pursuit of money Show time at the Tic Toc

WHEN Mr John Gaunt left university he had many grand ideas. He says he spent six months in bed thinking about them. Reality took seven years, but he has provided Coventry with something taugible; a new theatre.

Mr Gaunt and a co-operative he formed in 1985 have taken over a bingo hall with the help of loans from the Government and the West Midlands Enterprise Board.

The building was originally a cinema and was a Mecca dance hall for a time. It completes its transformation to a fourth form of entertainment this month. One room has already opened as a

Mr Gaunt, who studied drama at university, said: "It all hap-pened by accident. I worked at the Belgrade Theatre in Coventry, scene shifting for the pantomime. The group who had left school in The group who had left school in the three years after I did were all on the dole and I suggested to the Beigrade that we did a play with the unemployed. I wrote it and Clive Owen, who is now on television in *The Chancer*, was in

It provided the impetus for the Tic Toc Theatre company, founded in 1983 by Mr Gaunt, Miss Lisa Roberts and two others who have since left.

They were joined by Mr Rob Wilkinson and Mr Paul Nolan a year later, and in 1985 they ecame a co-operative. Miss Caroline Butcher, who attended university with Mr Gaunt, is now also a member. After several years touring,

Making a drama out of an old cinema: Robert Wilkinson (left) Caroline Butcher and John Gaunt including performances at the a promoter and sold out. But it people, while a piano bar upstairs

Edinburgh Festival, they have a home and they are providing employment for more than 20 people in a region with 18 per cent unemployment.

Coventry was once a boom town, living off the motor in-dustry. Although it still has three night clubs it has no dance hall, only two cinemas and a civic

The co-operative gained its usiness education going to Edinburgh. Tic Toc hired a venue from for big bands, taking up to 900

came away with no money. Next year, the group turned promoter and did the hiring out. that Arts Council funding for the The proceeds subsidized the visit to the Scottish capital and theatre is doubtful. performances throughout the following year.

Tic Toc co-op intends to manage its own premises for the first year before bringing in a management

Apart from the cabaret club, the main room will provide a venue

provides a more tranquil setting. Projected turnover is £1 million a year, an important target given

Mr Gaunt said: "It's essential that the arts are subsidized, but there is no reason why theatre

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agencies.

A seminar on maintenance programmes will be held in Paris on April 23 and 24 by the Battelle Institute, based in Seattle. Details from Parison London office at 15 from Battelle's London office at 15 lanover Square.

Sales and orders have grown strongly but tight monetary policy is sericusly affecting cash flow in small and medium-sized businesses, the quarterly economic survey by Thames-Chiltern Cham-ber of Commerce shows. The balance between firms reporting ncreases and those reporting de creases and mose reporting de-creases shows +22 per cent for UK sales in the March quarter (+11 per cent in the December quarter) and +12 per cent for orders (-12 per cent). Exports have done even better, with a balance of +38 per cent transfer included (177) cent reporting increased sales (+27 per cent) and +36 per cent for orders (+3 per cent). However, confidence in future profitability has

turned down quite sharply.

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With 5,000 patients to treat every year, Hammersmith needs help to pay for a new £15 million centre

lymphoma or bone cancer being cured depend heavily on where the treatment is given. More than half the children treated for kidney cancer outside specialist centres receive unnecessary drugs and radiation. Some British hospitals are less well equipped for cancer treatment than many in the Third World.

These are among the facts cited by Karol Sikora, profes-School at Hammersmith Hos- same applies to adults. pital, in west London, when he argues for the development of care that Prof Sikora wants to more specialist cancer centres see high-standard treatment in which patients could reap made widely available. The the benefits of a team of mental attitudes of cancer experts, with all the equip- patients can be important in ment needed and backed by influencing the effects of up-to-date research.

He says that probably sevof the lack of dedicated professnization of services were im- as relaxation.

No one doctor, he says, can be expert at treating all cancers or using all types of trained in cancer care are also

In many parts of the UK, such as Scotland and the Midlands, there is, the professor says, a logical pattern to the lems; the radiotherapy departprovision of cancer care, centred mainly on large district hospitals or university teaching hospitals with good back-up services.

In London, however, "the situation is very disturbing". Within 40 miles of the capital's centre, 23 hospitals provide all forms of cancer treatment. Yet a fifth lack some item of sophisticated equipment, almost a half do

he chances of a child not have a medical oncology with leukaemia, specialist and only a minority undertake research. He says: "The fact that there are so many centres results in poor quality care for many patients." Further, because centres do not publish data on cure rates, patients cannot differentiate between centres.

He points out that data from the Childhood Cancer Research Group shows that those cared for in centres with special expertise in treating childhood cancer are likely to sor of clinical oncology at the do better than those treated in Royal Postgraduate Medical small units. He believes the

It is not only in physical

A holistic, or whole-person eral thousand of Britain's approach, aims to treat the 160,000 cancer deaths a year person, not just the disease are unnecessary, not because and to that end he is prepared to offer, alongside convenionals but because skills could tional treatment, the newer be better employed if the orga- complementary services, such

In that context, a patient's surroundings can also play a part. Prof Sikora and his team have only just moved out of the complex treatments avail- the depressing Victorian forable. They demand the skills mer workhouse in west Lonof oncologists (cancer special- don that housed their patients. ists), radiotherapists, physi-cists and medical, as well as distance but their latest ward surgical oncologists. Para- accommodation is far from medical and nursing staff uplifting for the victims of a disease that invokes fear and

> Their move out of the workhouse has not, however, solved another series of probment, out-patients clinic and laboratory, as well as the wards, are still all housed in separate buildings. It is rarely that any patient - resident or needing day treatment - will be treated in one place. Instead, they have to travel commercial loan would make around the Hammersmith up any deficit. Hospital site

Sikora sees the proposed £15 peal director, that a "throughmillion cancer centre as the put" of 500 private patients - to raise almost £2 million and



Expert team: Professor Karol Sikora (left), of the Royal Postgraduate Medical School at Hammersmith Hospital, and radiographers using the linear accelerator

Before going public at the end

of last month, they managed

patients it will treat annually.

The centre will cater for four categories of patient who will all receive the same standard of service: local NHS patients, NHS patients from other areas. British residents with private insurance and overseas patients.

The Hammersmith Cancer Centre Appeal aims to raise £5 million to set up the nonprofit making centre, with equipment and other money to come from the NHS. A

It has been calculated, says For all those reasons, Prof Ariane Turner-Laing, the ap-

way forward for the 5,000 10 percent - would enable the will now spend the next 18 centre to pay back the com- months drawing in the rest.

> ince it would be set up under a trust, none of the doctors or other staff would benefit financially from the enterprise. Any profit would be ploughed back into the centre. The appeal started on its "private phase" in February last year, the charity first has to raise a proportion of the money it is ultimately seeking through public appeal. Miss Turner-Laing said: "We set an initial target of £1 million."

Already dozens of events are planned. Posters are appearing on many sites donated by the advertising industry, and "pyramid parties", private dinner parties at which guests are invited to make a donation and to hold similar parties themselves, are carrying the addi-tional sponsorship of a wine

A Hyde Park "aerobathon" (an aerobics event) is planned in June, in conjunction with the Keep Fit Association. Individuals have also offered to go on sponsored walks and sponsored bicycle trips.

For patients, the "will to win" against cancer is crucial. It is that key ingredient which the new centre aims to create and maintain in its battle, in the words of the appeal slogan, to "Help Hammer Cancer". Prof Sikora hopes that when earlier, it will provide a model for similar NHS ventures

Medical School at Hammersmith Hospital is internationally renowned for its medicine teaching and research work. That fame stretches to its coverage of the field of cancer treatment. Under the pioneering work of Dr Constance Wood, the first British woman to get involved at a senior level in cancer medicine, a linear accelerator. which produces high-energy radiation that can penetrate deep-seated tumours, was first used at Hammersmith in

It was, according to Professor Karol Sikora, a month ahead of Stamford, in California, which was simultaneously working on the development and claims that world record. Nevertheless, the professor says, it was probably the most significant development at Hammersmith. Few cancer treatment centres are now without such a machine.

The cancer research of the Fifties and Sixties was heavily weighted towards radiotherapy. More controversial in medical circles was the use, in 1965, of an expensive machine called the cyclotron. "It caused controversy for the wrong reason; but it is probably not a great form of cancer therapy," Professor Sikora says. "Although some small categories of patient probably do benefit from

However, the cyclotron can be used in computerized tomography, a technique that enables the doctor to take scanning pictures "sliced through" tissues to see what is happening to them in situ.

In 1984, the year the Hammersmith stopped using the cyclotron directly on patients, it was the first to employ positron emission tomography to determine bio-logical changes in tumours actually in patients without having to use surgery to take samples of the tumour. The cyclotron is now used to produce the isotopes, or chemical elements, used in that technique.

Over the past 10 years, the emphasis in cancer medicine has shifted from radiotherapy to the use of drugs (chemotherapy) and, in research, to molecular biology to find out how cells work and grow, using that information to develop new agents to target cancer cells.

As Professor Sikora points out, the discovery of genes control mechanisms will al-

Behind the scenes are people searching for the

need to be investigated in the very self-centred about their clinic and their true role as ined," he says, in backing the need for comprehensive can-

ultimate cure

The Imperial Cancer Relief Fund has provided for the department of clinical oncology a research laboratory, employing about 25 people and with a budget of nearly £1 million a year. Many of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund's laboratories are in independent facilities, with a lot at its central London headquarters, where much valuable work is developed. At Hammersmith, Dr Bill

Dr Gullick: enthusiasm

Gullick, whose salary is paid for by the fund, is the laboratory's head of molecular oncology and a senior lecturer at the medical school. For him, the fact that the research laboratory is situated in a hospital is invaluable. Dr Gullick's research team

is trying to determine why cancer cells, unlike normal cells, fail to stop growing and dividing and, ultimately, how that process can be internupted. A tumour is caused by new cells growing at a taster rate than that at which old cells are dying.

He recalls telling a medical

colleague that it would be convenient for a certain type of biopsy (cell or tissue sample) to be taken routinely from particular types of patient and was invited into the ward to see what was involved. Chastened after the experience, that carry codes for growth which he had not realized was painful, he revised his enthusution in the production of maybe we should not do 100, anti-cancer drugs in the next we might get enough information from 20." But what struck centre.

a human being at the end of the line. "It reminds you that you are talking about a real disease," he says. "Sometimes, when you get into the intellectual aspects of it, you put that to one side. It is an important part of this association; scientists can become

projects, 'theu' genes. Being in a hospital setting does not mean that his work is channelled to meet the needs of the hospital. "The Hammersmith is such an eclectic place, there is not really a focus on a particular type of cancer," Dr Gullick says. Individual cancer consultants have their specialties, but the hospital overall covers a wide range. "Thus we do not have a research theme that is conditioned by clinical interests."

Often, clinicians belped to nevent researchers going down a blind alley by pursuit lines of inquiry that in the end were unlikely to add to knowledge. Similarly, the researchers could offer help to clinicians, for example in clinical trials of a new drug product commercially pro-

"The clinician may not have anybody on site who knows a lot about the compound involved," Dr Gullick says. "It is not really his job to be a microbiologist as well."

e cited a recent example in which one clinician had been offered such a trial and had prepared a proposal to put before the hospital's ethical committee to casure that the trial was soundly structured. The clinician checked with Dr Gellick, who was expert in understanding the compounds involved, raised some queries and ran some tests based on the pharmacentical company's response. The subsequent findings led the clinician to decide that it was too early to become

involved in such a trial. Although that had a negative outcome, most contacts between doctors and researchers were on the pos-

He is pleased by the fact that at Hammersmith, being a postgraduate teaching centre, all the doctors have some interest, to a greater or lesser

The ICRF laboratory at Hammersmith provides fine facilities, although it is in a building apart from the areas where patients are treated. Dr Gullick sees advantages to both clinicians and re-

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How Penny Brohn set up a centre where victims can try to come to terms with the life-threatening illness

New response that helps

the reality of a life-threatening engenders and forget about it, illness, her first feeling was Mrs Brohn says. It was probone of helplessness. She says able that they would not want that then, and now, a doctor's to use the centre, where paresponse to the patient was tients may pay according to choices and advice on which often: "There is nothing you their means, although the can do about it." weekly charges are £560, and

A year after the discovery £155 for their companion. that she had cancer, she helped to found the Bristol diagnosis was also coupled Cancer Help Centre for vic- with the fear that death is tims and their families. It inevitable. offers complementary therapies to conventional treatment, in an atmosphere of switch from negative to pos-encouragement. Within three itive thinking, she says. A look years, demand at the centre at their diet is a simple and was so great that it moved into quick first step they can its present larger premises, a undertake by themselves. former convent.

The centre aims to help people make the shift from feeling like a powerless victim, to taking responsibility for what happens to them.

Doctors such as Professor Karol Sikora at Hammer tion was paid to emotional smith were well aware that and social needs in the hospeople had varying responses to the disease and that many attention was going I got it." wanted to be able to do something. I know that doing something does make a difsomething does make a dif-ference," she says. "Bristol is a ... of simple relaxation and generating healing. place for people who feel like breathing exercises, "or they

friend or relative, may opt for try to imagine themselves a week's residence at a time; the centre can accommodate up to 10 resident patients, plus their companions. However, between 30 and 50 people a nurses and dietitians spiritual patient's choice, she says. Bristol offers no cures, to would break the law.

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ALTHOUGH it is a common disease. Or rather a collective name for more than 200 diseases — many people can be cared if they have certain types of cancer or if it is diagnosed early enough. Indeed, more than a third of all cancers are carable,

Nevertheless, cancer does kill thousands of people every year; lung cancer leads the field in male deaths, while breast cancer tops the list for women. T 12 22 7

Because cancers are so varied, the symptoms similarly very widely and scording to the type of tumour involved, where it is, its size and whether it has

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Like others faced with put aside the strain diagnosis relax.

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There are many ways in which people could make the services of a councillor, so

first diagnosed, scant atten-Patients at Bristol can

choose to learn stress-control may go on to visualization Patients, accompanied by a techniques - where patients getting better, the ultimate positive thinking.

Penny Brohn learned basis. There were groups of some patients, the laying on of she had breast cancer. patients who seemed able to hands may only help them

> The Bristol treatment is not The aim is to offer people Mrs Brohn says: "We are looking to empower the patient and a lot of the techniques we use flow into one another. They will gradnally find out what works best

Mrs Brohn has had recurrences of her cancer. Initially, she refused conventional treatment, but in the intervening years she has accepted the ndertake by themselves. need for some. "I have to Patients are also offered the confess," she says, carefully, "I have not at any time they can talk about their fears and the negative feelings they oncologist told me to do — but have. There are groups for I have on occasions negotiated families. "At the time I was with them and ended up with a compromise package."

> other patients who would now claim that their well-being was because of taking fairly simple steps towards self-She is conscious of the

charge that she may be guilty of giving people false hope, but counters that it may be better to have false hope than none. "In any event, that is the Bristol offers no cures, to do so would break the law. But



A positive approach: from left, Anne Parry, Penny Brohn and Christine Baughn

ed by the way the centre

has helped strengthen people. She quotes Professor Sikora

Bristol makes his medicine go

department of oncology at

Hammersmith Hospital and the Bristol Centre have had

formal links: a doctor and nurse team, funded by Bristol,

visit Hammersmith about once a week. Between them they are devising a way in which what is on offer at

Bristol can be integrated in an

Professor Sikora says: "The

whole shift now is towards the

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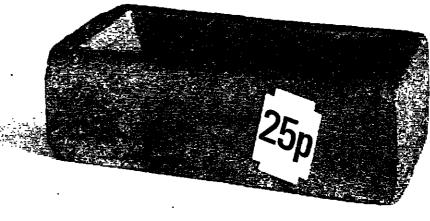
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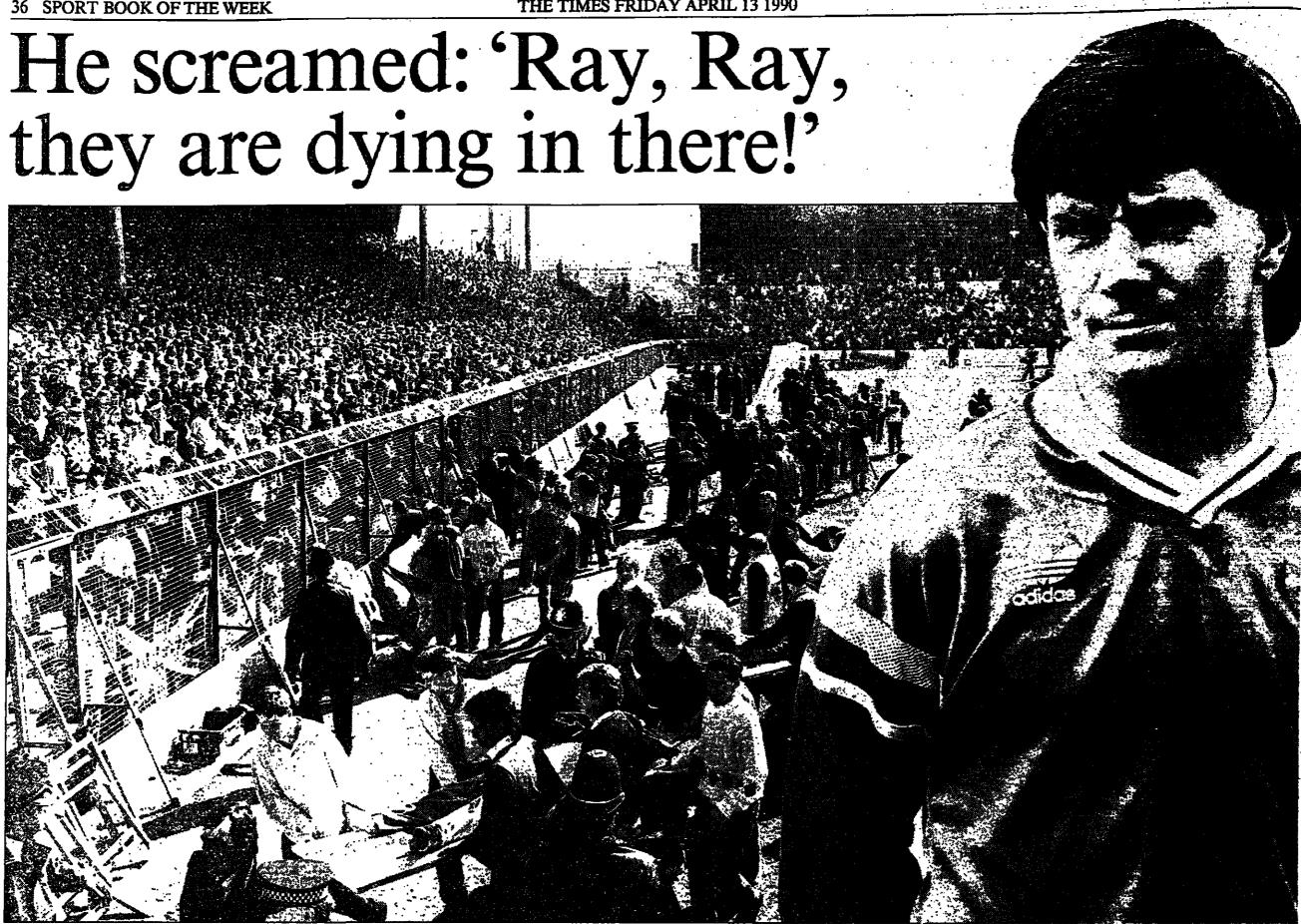
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SATURDAY APRIL 15

The mood in the dressing room was one of high confidence. Forest are a good side and they say anything can happen when Brian Clough is in charge of a team, yet we were ready for the game and determined to get to Wembley. We wanted to make it a superb

The atmosphere, when we ran out at our normal time of 2.54pm, appeared to be good. There was a thing that hits you. The noise sweeps down and you get lost in the situation. The crowd are just there, around you, and you don't think about any problems they might be having. In those first six minutes I can honestly say that not one player or referee Ray Lewis realized that there were major problems at the Leppings Lane end of the stadium. The first time we realized that something was wrong was when a policeman suddenly appeared on the pitch and ran up to the referee.

Then a lad, dressed in Liverpool colours came on and shouted to me: "Ray, Ray, they are dying in

What do you do when something like that happens? Do you brush him aside? Do you tell him to get off the pitch? Or do you take him seriously? I thought there could have been some fighting between rival supporters and looked for direction from the referee who was talking to the policeman. Then another Liverpool fan, who Steve Mc-Mahon knew, came on to the pitch and the message was the same: They are dying in there, it's terrible, they can't get out. They are getting crushed to death."

This time we believed him. The referee immediately led us off and back to the dressing rooms, although there was still no real indication of what was happening and whether the fans had been telling the truth or exaggerating. The crowd were not on the pitch, there was no obvious panic in the air, and as we went down the tunnel referee Lewis shouted: "Keep warm lads, we will be back on again in a few minutes." Little did he know that we would not go out again that

The dressing room door was left open and we could see and hear fans being helped down the tunnel to a small first aid centre. The supporters were crying, complaining and they sounded confused. I cannot remember who said it, but the comment brought a stunned silence: "I think Liverpool Football Club have another Heysel on their hands."

We just sat there in our kit, talking, reading the programme, doing a few stretch exercises and waiting for a decision to be made. The gaffer went in and out and referee Lewis popped his head round the door at about 3.30 to tell us to be ready for a return. If there were people dying out there we still did not know. It wasn't until 4.40 that the players were told the game had been abandoned.

All this time our wives had been up in the main stand, in full view of the tragedy. When we had changed and joined them in the players' bar the full enormity of what had happened finally hit us. By the time I sat down with Brenda, my wife, the number of

dead was 53; a few minutes later they said it was 64 and by the time Grandstand ended and the news came on it had risen to 75 - all crushed to death on the terraces. The room, usually a hustle bustle of noise, was silent. There was not a sound, not a stir, except for the odd gasp as people, players and officials, watched the screen with open mouths and tears in their yes. It made us feel so helpless . . . why hadn't they told us? Every player would have been out there trying to save lives,

The BBC pictures that night were horrendous. It made me even more shocked and even more angry to see our fans crushed like that and to think that Forest had so much more room. Why was the game played at Hillsborough? Why wasn't the segregation better? Who was going to take respon-

It seems that the terracing at the Leppings Lane end is in three sections. The fans who came in late saw only the middle section and went into it and the supporters who were already there could not push out. They were trapped. The result is the worst tragedy in the history of football. A total of 94 people are dead.

SUNDAY APRIL 16

By the time I woke the inquest was already raging. Every television channel was asking the same questions. Merseyside was in a state of total shock.

John Aldridge rang me to say that he was going to Anfield with his daughter to be with the Liverpool people. I said I would ioin him. He also told me that a Mass had been quickly arranged for tonight.

It is difficult to explain the atmosphere at Anfield. It was like nothing I had ever experienced before - a mixture of grief, confusion and calm. All the players were there and we went on to the pitch and saw some fans. No one was really talking, just nodding, shaking hands. It was quiet, so quiet. The goal had become a tribute to the dead. Flowers decorated the six-yard box, other colours had been tied to the posts and crossbar. Then a lone voice from somewhere on the Kop shouted: "Don't worry, we all loved you." And suddenly every one of us either burst into tears or

held their head in their hands. The mass was a very emotional occasion. Bruce (Grobbelaar) did extremely well to do the reading. I would not have liked to have done it and Bruce, who had been extremely cut up after Heysel, showed tremendous courage.

MONDAY APRIL 17

Anfield has been opened to the public and the Kop and the goalmouth in front of it have become a memorial for those who died. It is a red and white tribute and every hour the area is being covered with flowers, scarves, hats, shirts - anything that is connected with Liverpool.

The pictures on the front of some of the tabloids are horrendous - faces pressed up against fences, unable to breathe, unable to move, in total panic and shock. There is already talk of the fences coming down across the country and I just don't see how this

t was 3.06pm on April 15 1989 League and Cup double. Suddenly, at Sheffield Wednesday's however, trophies did not matter. Hillsborough stadium when a How could they be important, how Liverpool supporter, dressed in could football be important when his team's red and white colours, escaped from the packed terrac- The players had no idea what was ing, raced on to the pitch and happening as they sat in their dressing screamed at Ray Houghton: "Ray, rooms waiting for the game to restart. Ray, they are dying in there!" It was a It was only when Houghton returned panic cry that will forever haunt home and watched television that Houghton, in his first full season as a night that he realized the enormity of Liverpool player, and it was the start what had happened.

season can start again for us. The players went to the hospitals where some of the injured supporters are and I hadn't thought it were possible to become even more upset, but what is there left to feel for when a mother asks you to visit her son before she turns off his life-support machine. There he lay, just a lad, a Liverpool supporter who had gone to the game to cheer his team on to Wembley. Now . . . nothing. And yet his mother was so strong, so

altogether. Prince Charles and Princess Diana also visited the hospitals to see for themselves how a city had been united by grief. They too met the little lad on a life-support machine. They talked to families who still could not believe what

was happening to them. In one hospital something quite incredible bappened. A fan who was in a coma woke up just as the boss and John Aldridge were in his room. Was it a miracle? Who knows? But, as the doctor whispered to the little boy: "Kenny Dalglish is here," he opened his

The Football Association have said that we must play our semifinal with Forest on Sunday, May at Old Trafford. What a decision to dump on us now! There is not one Liverpool player who is interested in playing football at the moment. In fact, I would like to finish the season now. How can we play again? If the FA and Football League get together and make a decision to call everything off, that is OK by

Lee Nichol, the 14-year-old kid on the life-support machine, died tonight. The death toll has reached

WEDNESDAY APRIL 19

The players' wives went into Anfield to talk to the families of the bereaved, make some tea and to give what support they can to the people who are suffering. It is a good idea and Anfield has developed a genuine family atmosphere. I cannot believe just how strong the men and women are who have lost someone from their family. They seem to be so in control of their emotions. They want to talk, even about football. Maybe it is a release of some kind.

THURSDAY APRIL 20

The first funeral took place today and the club have said that they people were dying?

of a tragedy that saddened the world. This is how Houghton remembers in Liverpool and Nottingham Forest the notebook he was keeping the day had played just six minutes of an FA 95 people lost their lives, crushed to

Cup semi-final that could have taken death on the Hillsborough terraces, Kenny Dalglish's side closer to a and the emotional days that followed. would like at least one player to be present at every funeral held. We over from Spain to pay his don't need asking; we want to be respects, and many other faces mingle with the crowd. involved. John (Aldridge) showed tremendous courage to read at the funeral. He is a Scouser and this

> to do it and, after a little indecision, he said he would be fine. He did it superbly. We also went to the families' homes, and again they wanted to talk football . great games, goals and Liverpool personalities, It really is quite extraordinary. They are all certain about one thing - they want us to carry on playing this season and do the double for the people who have died.

has hit him really badly. I asked

him before if he was strong enough

FRIDAY APRIL 21

Everton, who play at Spurs tomorrow came to Anfield to pay their respects. It was a nice touch. However, I cannot help feeling that it would have been better to call off all the games this week and have seven days of mourning. Football needed a decision-maker, because we have been in the situation where clubs have called off matches without League permission and others have played when they probably didn't want to. I just don't see how any professional footballer could want to play football this week.

John has said that he cannot see himself ever playing again. I think that this is his emotion taking over and I am sure that he will be more clear-headed about it all in a few

There is a problem next week. however, because all the Home Countries have important and World Cup matches. John has already pulled out of the Republic of Ireland team to face Spain. I am not yet sure what to do. I think I will probably stay in Liverpool.

SATURDAY APRIL 22

Merseyside is still in complete mourning. A human chain, linking the scarves of Everton and Liverpool, was made between Antield and Goodison Park, and the last scarves were tied by Peter Beardsley and Everton's Ian Snowdon. Never before have the two clubs been so close together. Anfield is a sight you have to see to believe. Almost half the pitch has been covered with tributes, flowers, scarves - anything red and white. Thousands of people have come to the stadium, includ-

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ing John Toshack who has flown

When the players walked on to the pitch the fans broke out into spontaneous applause. There were more tears. Then they began to sing our anthem, "You'll Never Walk Alone" and so the crying continued. At six minutes past three, exactly a week since the tragedy occurred, a minute's silence was held throughout the country. You could hear a pin drop inside Antield. Steve Nicol and his wife stood on the Kop while the rest of us glassy-eyed, knelt and prayed.

SUNDAY APRIL 23

John Barnes has dropped out of the England squad. Steve Nicol is too upset to play for Scotland and I was considering joining John (Aldridge) and Ronnie Whelan in asking Jack Charlton to leave me out of this one. However, Brenda eventually helped make up my mind for me. She could see I was tense and said it would be good for me to get away from Merseyside and play in a game. After much soul-searching I decided she was

MONDAY APRIL 24

I went to two funerals in Liverpool before flying to Dublin and reporting for World Cup duty. I wasn't sure if I was ready for a game, but I still found myself on the plane, trying to concentrate on the game instead of thinking about the tragedy.

TUESDAY APRIL 25

The Football Association have issued an ultimatum to the club. We must play our semi-final with Forest on May 7 or drop out of the competition. It does not surprise me that the directors have decided to defer a decision until Sunday, when Liverpool have arranged our first game back, a friendly at Celtic. I am extremely annoyed with the manager of Spain. He has criticised John for not playing. What the hell does he know about

WEDNESDAY APRIL 26

Playing for the Republic of Ireland was a very moving experience today. They are a family on their own. I was pleased I made the decision to play. I decided to give this a real go, if only to get my own back on the Spanish manager for

We beat Spain with, ironically an own goal from their outstanding player, Michel. It was a vital victory for us because it has brought World Cup qualification closer, and yet it wasn't the victory that seemed most important to me. I felt better after I had played.

THURSDAY APRIL 27

I returned from Dublin to discover that John had contacted Jack Charlton and told him that he would be available for the next international. I am delighted with that because there is no way you can stop playing.

FRIDAY APRIL 28

There was a lot of aggression in our first training session today, which is unheard of for Liverpool. The emotion and frustration of the tragedy are coming out in a physical way and the tackling was healthy, to say the least. There is football in the air again and it was good to be together on the training oitch. It is only 12 days since Hillsborough, but it seems a

There is no doubt in my mind that the club have handled this brilliantly. Liverpool coped with Heysel and now there is Hillsborough. The club will emerge bigger and better.

SATURDAY APRIL 29

We trained again and then travelled to Scotland for the match against Celtic. It will be strange to pull on a red shirt again, especially in front of our own fans who are sure to travel in their thousands to Glasgow. It as if they want to be part of the first game back.

SUNDAY APRIL 30

I have sat in hundreds of dressing rooms before the start of a football match and would normally think nothing of it. But, to see the red shirts was strange. Liverpool are back, was that the message?

It is odd that, since Hillsborough, I haven't really thought about the championship or FA Cup, and yet the reality is that we are unbeaten after 17 League and Cup matches and going for the double. So it was good to play for Liverpool again even in a friendly, and we did well. Forget the 4-0 scoreline. Victory was not important to us, but the occasion was.

The fans were unbelievable. it was a tribute to Liverpool and that probably stirred us on to play so well. There were 60,000 people packed into the stadium and there was not a sound during the minute's silence before kick-off. Then, when the referee blew his whistle for the end of the minute. there was a dealening roar from the crowd. Every man, woman and child broke into song: "Walk On, Walk On ... ", scarves and colours were held high. Footballers are used to the emotions of winning and losing but this was different. It was unlike anything I had experienced before - apart from when my mother died when I was 16. This time I was right in the middle of other people's grici.

It is a tribute to the people of Liverpool and there is no question as to how they feel. They are looking after their own. They did it that day at Hillsborough and they are doing it now.

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The club announced that we will be playing on in the FA Cup. It came as no surprise, as it is wha the families wanted.

MONDAY MAY 1

Arsenal were back in action onight. They did call off a game il of resdect to the dead and, of course, our own game with them at Anfield has also been put back because of the tragedy. They played Norwich in a televised game and our hopes that Norwich would do us a favour were dashed. Arsenal thrashed them 5-0 and played extremely well. The enforced break has obviously done them good and the signs are ominous.

TUESDAY MAY 2

Steve Nicol is the Football Writers' Association Footballer of the Year, which is a nice boost just before we start playing again. He has certainly deserved the honour. His consistency is incredible and he also has a lovely knack of not letting things worry him.

WEDNESDAY MAY 3

We play Everton tonight. The gaffer called us altogether and told us not to expect any favours just because of what has happened. "They are not going to lie down." he stressed and said that it was going to be a tough, hard match. Our mood was one of sheer determination, and although no one is saying it we want to win the first division for the 95 people who have died. The atmosphere inside Goodison Park was that of a united city. It was a special occasion for 45,994 Scousers. They will all remember that they were there when Liverpool played Everton in the memorial match. Not one fan spoke during the minute's silence, but, as soon as the referee blew his whiste, a Merseyside roar split the skies. It was deafening, as if to signal the end of the mourning and to say: "OK, let's get on with it." That moment at Goodison will always be special. It had a clear meaning: it was the signal for Liverpool to go for the double. And, as the gaffer said it was a tough derby. Someone said that 0-0 was perhaps the perfect result for the occasion. I had to answer that the best result would have been if we had won, but the important thing was to play again and all the lads felt better for it. I think the supporters were pleased to watch

us again too The manager picked the side that started against Forest at Hillsborough and that was probably significant. We went through it together and, the last time we sat in a dressing room, the tragedy was taking place just a few yards from our seats. This time there were no fences, no squashed faces peering through fittle holes and football is better for a fence-free game.

Extracted from Ray Houghton's

Liverpool Notebook (published by Queen Anne Press, £13.95)

SQUASH RACKETS Seven could end up lucky number for one 'Guernsey Girl'

By Colin McQuillan

YOU have to thumb backwards through British Open 1. S Devey (New Zeeland); 2, D Drady (Australia); 3, L Opie (England); 4, M La Weignan (England); 5, L Lindag (Australia); 6, R Lamboume (Australia); 7, 2 Fix Gerald (Australia); 8, R Best (Freiand); 10, F Genves (England); 11, L Souther (England); 12, 8 Homeor (England); 12, 8 Homeor (England); 13, A Camings (England); 14, B Hoogendoom (Netheristands); 15, S Bradey (Australia); 15, S Bradey (Australia); 15, S Schoene (West premier championship final of

Even the biennial World Open title, won by Le Moignan from Susan Devoy of New Zealand in 1988, carries less historical and competitive significance than the British Open, the "Wimbledon of Squash", which starts at Lambs Club tomorrow and moves to Wembley on April 20.

Devoy has won six British Opens in succession. The Channel Islands duo, with twice as long on the inter-Channel Islands duo, with common," Le Moignan said. but from school days they have been cast together as a ional closed titles between sporting double act. They them, have collectively have been everywhere, done ional closed titles between missed six times at the same

Seven is plainly going to be a very lucky number for stealing of the world title was a someone at Wembley this year first that surprised everyone, when the Hi-Tec-sponsored event reaches the final on

lost both her finals to Devoy. Chances are seen now as no At 26 and 27 respectively, they better than the third and are the old ladies of the tour. fourth seedings offered back in Le Moignan even boasts a 1982 Nowadays there is also a hoped would rehabilitate her. shining new MBE. It is more rising new generation already "It makes a change for the then a decade since they left Reg Harbour, their old mentor at Kings Club, Guernsey, to set up professional life in Nottingham.

handed, languid and elegant, has migrated to Portsmouth,

Seedings

December and recently.

petition and personal comfort. Opic, a fiery tomboy whose temperament mars the best skills in the game, has soldiered on at Nottingham, buying a home close to the club that has always welcomed her presence and that of the professional players she at-

tracts to the area. They were never real friends. "We have nothing in everything in the squash world, usually with Opic in command. Le Moignan's

Candwell, of Australia, and twice to Devoy. Le Moignan officially it seems their lost both her finals to Devoy. At 26 and 27 respectively. overlapping the old

Le Moignan is scheduled for a semi-final against the new eration, in the shape of Since then Le Moignan, left Danielle Drady, the second anded, languid and elegant, seed, from Australia, while Opic would return to prospective duty against top-seeded and, latterly, Colchester in Devoy in the other semi-final.

Opie must overcome Michelle Martin, the Australian world under-23 champion, while Le Moignan must defeat Suzanne Homer, the Yorkshire champion who beat her both in

The world chammon has had a torrid 18 months since beating Devoy in the world final in The Netherlands. She left the national championships with no sponsorship contracts, just one working racket to her name and the depressing comment "I some-times wish I had never won the world title at all."

Opic was expected to win as far back as the first Wembley Open final in 1984. Her loss to Devoy in what many regard as the best of all British Open women's finals culminated in her flinging her racket out of the court and close enough to the referee to incur another of the heavy official punishments of her career.

Her first complete failure in a decade of British Open competition came last year when, seeded second, she fell in the early rounds to Sarah first that surprised everyone, Friz Gerald, another young including one suspects, the Australian, seeded seventh highly competitive Greensey this time for a quarter-final against Devoy. A complete summer lay-off

appeared to rejuvenate Opie. She won in Singapore and in New York, but was brushed aside by Devoy in the February final in Guernsey she other players to carry the pressure," Opic said. "Martine and I have always lost in the Open when ex-pected to win, sometimes more intent on each other than the rest of the world. Maybe this time one of us can slip through while they are scrapping with each other."

TENNIS

Survival the main Edberg on aim for Bailey

By Andrew Longmore, Tennis Corresponder

SURVIVAL as much as victory will be foremost in Chris Bailey's mind when he sets off for and I'm not used to being singapore in two weeks' time.

Two months ago Bailey's career seemed to be in doubt dafter he injured his right knee in a satellite event in Croydon, but he has recovered strength in the ligaments of his knee so quickly he plans to play three events in the Far East to test his fitness

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the Far East to test his fitness plays in a grand prix event in before the grasscourt season, though he will not be ready in time for Britain's Davis Cup tie against Romania in early May.

"I've put in a lot of hard work on the knee, and overall I'm actually feeling fitter and stronger than before I was injured."

Bailey said. "I began practising two weeks ago and, though the large corresponding county to be seen a bonus, because the presence of the property could be presenced.

Railey said. "I began practising two weeks ago and, though the knee occasionally swells up, I'm feeling more and more confident about it."

When he first snapped the ligament, Bailey was only given a 75 per cent chance of recovery without a major operation, which would have put him out of competition for a year. At the very least, he thought he would be out until Wimbledon. But a regular fitness programme deregular fitness programme de "It's coming along really well vised by the Lawn Tennis at the moment," he said. "It's Association physiotherapist, still possible i will have to have Association physiotherapist, Bill Morrison, and his coach, Nigel Scars, has put Bailey well alicad of schedule and Bailey's own determination has done the

Back to Wentworth

THE International Management Group is, after all, planning to repeat the exhibition event it organized for the first time last year at Wentworth Golf Club in the week before Wimbledom (Andrew Longmore Wittes).

ment for a few weeks, but the idea of getting some competitive practice on grass courts and in a pleasant setting certainly appealed to the players and we are together," Jeremy Dyer, of IMG, said.

writes).

It had been thought that the tournament had been killed off by poor attendances and financial losses last year, but IMG is still hoping to revive it, with a new sponsor and, possibly, a revised format.

"Nothing is confirmed yet and there will be no announce-

POOTBALL

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Hyde v Horwich. SNEEMOFF BUSH LEAGUE: Citionwile v Coloraine (7.45); Newry v Bangor (8.0).

RUGBY UNION

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Oldham v Leeds (12.0).

an operation at some point, but I'd have to start my career all over again if that happened. So I wanted to give this my best shot."

TODAY'S FIXTURES

AMELIA ISLAND - Steffi Graf, the world No. I, contin-

course for title

With the wind bowling in off Tokyo Bay, he overcame the Austrian baseliner, Alex Antonitsch, 6-2, 6-7, 6-1 to stay on course to retain his title.

don champion, who has not won in three attempts since returning to singles action last month, has entered the qualifying round for the Korean Open in Seoul next

ued her comeback after breaking her thumb in a skiing accident two months ago when she defeated Andrea Temesvari, of Hungary, 6-0, 6-1, in 40 minutes (Reuter reports).

SPORT ON TV

BASKETBALL: Eurosport 12-1pm: High-lights of the Hartes Globelrotters: Screensport 11.30pm-lanz American

STEFAN Edberg spared his devoted army of local followers the heartache of seeing him defeated when he mastered

on course to retain his title.

"It always seems to blow up in the afternoon here, and with him playing better and having some luck it got a bit difficult," Edberg said. "I wasn't too worried, though I felt I would have him in a final set once I broke service."

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Ivan Lendl joined him in the
last eight, defeating the American part-timer, Joe Russell, 7-6,
6-2, but not before the Tokyobased coach had squandered a set point at 6-5 in the tie-break. Monique Javer, of Britain, bowed out in the quarter-finals the women's event, losing 6l, 64 to an aggressive Czechoslovakqualifier, Eva

Sviglerova.

REBILITS: Man's singles: Third spand: M. Cheng (US) bt P Kubnen (WG), 7-5, 6-2; S. Edbarg (Boss) bt A Antonhach (Austria, 6-2, 6-7, 6-1; Lord (Ca) bt J Russell (US). A G. 6-2; A Krictonian (US) bt G Connell (Can), 6-3, 6-2; B Gilbert (US) bt A Moronz (WG), 4-6, 7-5, 6-1; W Missur (Aus) bt P McEarbe (US), 6-2, 7-6; A Missedorf (Br) bt S David (US), 6-2, 7-6; A Missedorf (Br) bt S David (US), 7-6, 6-2; Women: Connected Hashe N Sunstmassa (Jupan) bt K Date (Jepan), 6-4, 7-6; E Smyle (Aus) bt K Otsamoto (Jepan), 6-3, 6-2; E Siglerom (C2) bt M Javer (GB), 5-1, 6-4; C Lindqvist (Swyl bt B Connected (GB), 6-1, 6-5; C Lindqvist (Swyl bt B Connected (GB), 6-1, 6-5; C Lindqvist (Swyl bt B Connected (GB), 6-1, 6-5; C Lindqvist (Swyl bt B Connected (GB), 6-1, 6-6; C Lindqvist (Swyl bt B Connected (GB), 6-1, 6-6; C Lindqvist (Swyl bt B Connected (GB), 6-1, 6-6; C Lindqvist (Swyl bt B Connected (GB), 6-1, 6-6; C Lindqvist (Swyl bt B Connected (GB), 6-1, 6-6; C Lindqvist (Swyl bt B Connected (GB), 6-1, 6-6; C Lindqvist (Swyl bt B Connected (GB), 6-1, 6-6; C Lindqvist (Swyl bt B Connected (GB), 6-1, 6-6; C Lindqvist (Swyl bt B Connected (GB), 6-1, 6-6; C Lindqvist (Swyl bt B Connected (GB), 6-1, 6-6; C Lindqvist (Swyl bt B Connected (GB), 6-1, 6-6; C Lindqvist (Swyl bt B Connected (GB), 6-1, 6-6; C Lindqvist (Swyl bt B Connected (GB), 6-1, 6-6; C Lindqvist (GB), 6-1, 6-6; C Lindqvis

Pat Cash, the former Wimble-

Little rest for marathon churchmen

Best foot forward: the Right Rev John Perry aims to be the first bishop to complete the London Marathon

Pauline tenet guides bishop's quest for the Rainbow gold

Athletics Correspondent

THE day of rest will be somehing of a shock to the Bishop of Southampton on Sunday week. Hebrews 12:1 is the scripture most likely to spring to mind as he goes about his business that morning. "Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us," the apostle Paul said. For the best part of four hours, the Right Rev John F Perry will be concentrating not so much on the spiritual marathon as the one which leads its committed 26 miles 385 yards through the streets of London.

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Perry will have a half-share in
the claim to being the first
bishop to run the London
Marathon. Like the capital's buses, you wait long enough for one, then two arrive at the same time. This will be the tenth London Marathon but the first to field a bishop - or, rather, two. The Bishop of Ripon, the Right Rev David Young, is running also – and he will have to get inside four hours if he is to be the first bishop to finish the

"We are going for under four hours," Perry said. The ref-erence to "we" is not intended as an assumption of divine assistance. "I've got two sons running with me," he said. They are more experienced,

HANDBALL: Ruroeport 1-2 and 5-6om: Highlitis of the World championships from Halsinki.

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but I think I will keep up with them." The handy thing about being a bishop is that you are not committed to one church. "I preach all over the place in the I have kept free in the diary."

diocese. This particular Sunday The collection is what counts on marathon Sunday. Money is needed to assist the Rainbow

needed to assist the Rainbow authority — and two part-time Project, a scheme to house are employed in managing four Pearl extends backing indoor championships and

PEARL Assurance has ex-tended its association with British athletics by signing a new four-year sponsorship agree-ment with the British Amateur Athletic Board worth £4 million over four years - the biggest sponsorship deal in British sponsorship deal Athletics' history.

The company will continue its involvement with the AAA

ning to support the cause. As a member of *The Times*-Unisys London Marathon Appeal team, he will have the chance to help fund a charity which has three functions: the provision and management of housing units; monitoring of the problems of the homeless. the homeless young and information, advice and support

people move on to a more settled way of life." "It was started in 1981 out of the marathon, but not to run-ning. "I have been a bishop for concern to respond to the needs of growing homelessness in the city," the Perry said. "Ideally, a resident will stay in a Rainbow house for nine mouths and then be capable of leading an independent life." Two full-time problems are a detached youth only just over a year and, when I was warden of Lee Abbey, I used to run along the north Devon coastal paths." Inspiration workers - one a detached youth worker funded by the education

comes to he who runs. "It's theraputic," he said. The Times and Unisys hope that, by featuring the efforts of our fund-runners, we will help them to find sponsorship. If you wish to support one or more of them, write, clearly stating your beneficiaries, to The Times-Unisys London Marathon Ap-peal, Sports Department, The Times, 1, Pennington Street, London El 9XN. We will send international meetings, which this year take place in Belfast and Gateshead, and will also

"I was drawn to this project

because homelessness is a major social concern and one close to the heart of Jesus Christ, who

was a refugee in the early part of His life and homeless again later on," Perry said. "In the past six years, we have helped 70 young

Aged 54, Perry may be new to

take over sponsorship of the UK on your donations. Pearl Assurance first spon-sored British athletics in 1983 Unisys is offering a personal computer to the biggest fund-raiser and a jeroboam and magnum of champagne respec-tively to the second and third and this new agreement makes the company one of the longestserving sponsors in the sport's history.

BOXING

Seeking a WBA title chance for Graham

By Srikumar Sen Boxing Correspondent

THE telephone line between B.1 astwood's bed at the clinic in Belfast where he has been recovering after an operation, and the desk of Jose Suleiman, the president of the World Boxing Council, in Mexico City.

will be busy all this evening and all weekend perhaps.
After Herol Graham's one-sided third round victory over ismael Megron, of Puerto Rico, at Dewsbury on Wednesday night, Eastwood is in a hurry to secure the WBC's sanction for a bout between Graham, and Julian Jackson, of the United States, for the vacant middle-weight title in June.

Eastwood, who has been try-ing for weeks to finalize an agreement, knows that if he does not settle by tomorrow night he could have a struggle on his hands to give Graham, No. 5 in the ratings, his chance this

summer.

Eastwood, already under pressure from the Italians, who are pushing the claims of Sumbu Kalambay, fears that if Michael Watson (No. 4 in the WBC ratings) fails to relieve Mike McCallum of the World Boxing. Association title tomorrow, Watson's manager, Mickey Duff, might try to give his man a title bout with Jackson before

title bout with Jackson before Graham.

"I've been busy behind the scenes for weeks to fix up this fight" Eastwood said. "I am determined to get it for Herol. I had anticipated Watson trying to get him before Herol if he loses to McCullum, that is why I gave myself a head start. If Watson loses he can no longer be No. 4 and I shall insist that he is moved down."

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Duff, who promoted Graham's warm-up against Negron, told a press conference before the bout that Watson's fortunes would not affect Graham's plans. Even though the man who beat Jackson can look forward to a multi-million bout with the great Roberto Duran, if and when he comes down from his 200lb, it is unlikely that Duff will go back on his word.

There are too many good middleweight bouts for Duff and Watson to be getting on with — a lucrative return with Nigel Benn, for instance — and too many good business deals to be done with Eastwood, who runs Britain's most successful stable, for Duff to take on a

The bout with Jackson could pose other problems with Eastwood, however. He will not be able to stage the contest in Britain. As Jackson has had an operation on a retina, the British Boxing Board of Control will be against the bout and could object to it even if it is held in the Republic of Ireland or the

LACROSSE

Change in wake of cup games

By Peter Tatlow

THE women's international day of decision in Philadelphia on new rules is now only three months away, as the international season goes ahead here with England, Scotland and Wales experimenting with three

Having always played with-out boundaries, the women's game seems to be veering to-wards touchlines, as in the men's game. An offside rule in the form of a restraining line and substitution on the fly are

also being tried.

Several World Cup players are still roaming around in Australia and so England have brought in three new caps and Wales two for next month's

Lois Richardson continues as captain after her success in leading England to the brink of the world title. England lost in

the World Cup final to the United States after sudden Nikki Bolton captains Wales

on the retirement of Vivien Jones, who stays in the team to add to her 50 caps.
Scotland, captained by Val Houston, have made five changes from their World Cup

MATCHES: May 5: Wales v Scotland (Cardiff), May 12: Scotland v England v England v England v Wales (Luton), New capa: England: H Coaldey, J Copiey, A Smith. Wales: H Ward, S Owen. Scotland: F Dow, H Graham, C Milne, J Moors, C Simmons.

HOCKEY

Gymkhana attack bias by umpires

bias among umpires, in the opinion of Kulbir Bhaura, the captain of Indian Gymkhana, three of whose players were sent off with red cards during the

some unpires who come to our tators to refrain from hurling lightly, and I feel that the whole matches with the preconceived abuse at the unpires. But, situation needs to be looked at notion that we are a bad lot," he Bhaura added, he was not a more closely."

By Sydney Friskin

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flamed by the imposition of done by a member of the club in a mood of sheer frustration.

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Busy weekend for England teams

THREE England squads are taking part in tournaments on the Continent over the weekend weeks ago at Wembley Stadium,

(Leicester), T Fry (Ipswich), J Statebith (Suzon Coldfield). (Sumon Coldfield).

ENGLAND UNDER-18: K Clark (South), C Reid (North, cpt), J Assaichaw (North), C Commellia (West), J Green (East), T Hocker (South), C Jervie (South), N Jervie (South), N Jervie (South), K McClonarid (East), S Leviul (South), K McClonarid (East), S Moore (Midlands), A Durbin (West), A Patherson (Morth), R Senart (North), A Wakefield (South)

will be a good public relations exercise which will enable us to express our point of view," he said. "As someone who has represented England and Great Britain I do not want to lead aclub that has a bad name." Representatives of Indian Gymkhana attended an informal meeting called by the competitions committee of the Hockey Association on Tuesday

meeting between members of the club and the umpires. "This

to consider general matters of discipline, which also included a discussion on the leaflet issued by the club. The whole question of the leaflet will be reviewed by the management committee of the Hockey Association and may lead to a disciplinary, inquiry should they consider it

necessary.

Roger Webb, the umpires' coordinator, said: "Any umpire will naturally be gravely concerned over an allegation that has the flavour of bias. As for video evidence in hockey, it can never show the true context of

HOCKEY FRUIRE, T EASTER WESCHOL PESTIVALS: (units Monday: Boursemouth; Cantenbury; Cactor; Comwest (Ladies); Foliostone International: Formby; Guernsoy; Jersey; Nat West Blackpool: Peccanox; Scar-borough: Torbey; Waston-super-Airre; Waymouth: Ladies; Weymouth: Mess;

STONES BITTER GHAMPIONSHIP: Bractord Northern v Waterleid (2.30); Liede v Feetherstone; St. Halens v Wiger (3.15); Warrington v Widnes (3.0); Second distance Fulham v Chorley (3.0); Huddersfield v Hallans, Kalphley v Brantley; Rochdale v Traitord Borough (3.0); Pividele York v Hall KR (3.30); Swinton v Oldram (3.0); Withinhaven v Workington (3.37).

OTHER SPORT

accroscyclesta: Speedway: Bl.: Swin-con v Smallard (7:30); Gold Cup: Belle Vue v Wolverhampton (7:30); Knodoost Cup: Oxford v Conetter (7:10); Knog Lynn v Reading (3:0), Netional Langue: Spewich v Middlesbrough, Pelantorough v Est-bourne. Easter Thopby: Poole v Esteber. Estect. Easter Tropby: Poole v Esteber.

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MOTO-CROSS: British 500ce neats over a testing one and-e-nati mile course. Each race is not tor 25 minutes, and two final laps. Three already established himself as this season's No. 1 rider, despite the presence of David Thorpe, the current world character. The status current world champion. The strug-

TRY THIS Denia Tingay's suggestion for a sporting day out

HCE SIGNING: Eurosport 10am-raids and BBC2 3.15-4.05cm: Figure skelin Highlights of the World chempionsh from Halligz, Nova Scotia.

current worto champion. The struggle for supremacy between these two and Rob Herring, the young 250cc champion, will be the focus of attention at Sunday's event at Little Loveney Hall in Wakes Cotne, The meeting is expected to attract over 100 entries from all over Britain, who will race in qualifying HOW TO GET THERE: The champ-

MOTOR SPORT: Screensport 9.30-11.30pm: Highlights of the Cart PPG World sedie from Pheorix: NASCAR Valleydale 500 from Tennesses. CURLING: Eurosport 4-Spm and 11pm-midright: Highlights of the World championathps: woman's event. RUGBY LEAGUE: Screenport 2.30-5.15 and 11.30pm: Highlights of Wigen V Leads and Great British v France. POOTBALL: Screensport 10-11.45mm: International highlights. Interventional highlights, ICE HOCKEY: Somenaport 8-10em and 7,30-8.30: Hadiopal Hockey League: Play-offic Euraport 9-11pm; World Chemp-league; Highlights of East Gentany v Russia, and Holland v Japan.

SNOOKISH: 185C2 11.20am-12.20pm, 1.35-3.15pm and 11.25pm-1.30am: Coverage of the Estacsay World Pro-treatonal Championships from the Cru-cible, Sheffeld. TENES: Screenport 1-2.30 and 6-7.30pm: Highlights of the Pru Baches championships from Florida. TENPIN BOWLING: Screensport 11.45um-ton: Highlights of the Spring test from Indiana. UPDATE: Screensport 7.20pm.

New job for Haan ARIE Haan, the former Netherlands football international, dismissed by VfB Stuttgart last month, is to continue his career in the West German first division at Nuremberg, who have given him a two-year contract as

(Joyce Whitehead writes). Eng- although they beat them 3-2 the land, Germany, The next day.

Netherlands and the Soviet
Union are playing in Dusseldorf, Germany, in a dress rehearsal for the World Cup in

Section 1 March 18 and 1 moder-18 and under-16 teams are competing in a six-nation tournament rehearsal for the World Cup in rehearsal for the World Cup in Sydney in May.

Sydney in May.

England meet West Germany tomorrow, Netherlands on Sunday and finish the tournament with a match against the Soviet Union on Monday morning.

In a SIX-DBHOR TOURNAMENT, J Sydney (Slough), A Seventy (Doncasse), K Brown (Slough), S Llater (Instruct), Brown (Slough), M Languidge (Ealing), M Nevill (Lalcetter), J Levila (Ealing), M Nevill (Lalcetter), J Levila (Ealing), C Browner (Sutton Cold-Bell), T Miller (Callon), K Ethersda

Ilmor enter the fray as engine talks accelerate

THE Leyton House team, which was formerly March, has entered into a five-year agreement with Ilmor Engineering for the exclusive use of a brand new Formula One engine - believed to be of V10 configuration - beginning in

Confirmation of the deal has followed Ferrari's announcement that it will make available its V12 Formula One engine to its Italian rival, Minardi, next season.

These latest results of engine-supply negotiations, with others either already completed or at an advanced stage, promise to transform grand prix racing's power battle from next season.

Towards the end of this year, the Tyrrell team will begin testing a new car, powered by the Honda V10 engine, which currently resides exclusively in the back of the McLarens of Ayrton Senna and Gerhard Berger.

McLaren, in turn, will start the 1991 season with Honda's latest lightweight V12 engine, which is currently under dev-

The Footwork Arrows team have won the hard-fought battle to secure Porsche's new V12 engine, which will replace their Ford Cosworth V8 power units; while the Brabham team, which has recently been rescued from near-oblivion, is expected to replace its present Judd engines with a new V12 power unit, being developed by

The Japanese manufacturer is an absentee from Formula One this season, following the withdrawal of the Zakspeed team, to whom it supplied its V8 engine last year.

Like Cosworth Engineering. Ilmor is based in Northamp-

when two of Cosworth's senior design and development engineers, Mario Illien and Paul Morgan, left to form their own company in partnership with Roger Penske, America's most successful team owner.

It was through Penske, who has long voiced a desire to return to Formula One, that limor forged a link with Chevrolet, which has enabled them to dominate Indycar racing over the last two years, with 27 wins from 30 races.

mous in Miami country.

on television. On that scale,

Perhaps the biggest potential prize on the engine front is Mercedes-Benz. Despite strenuous denials from Stuttgart, there is a growing belief that Mercedes will follow its currently very successful involvement in endurance racing, in collaboration with the Sauber team, by making a return to Formula One, with a Honda-type engine supply partnership with a leading

At present, Honda's close links with McLaren appear to be secure, but if the United States Congress forces through the more extreme elements of its proposed environmental legislation, which could require manufacturers to halve their cars' fuel consumption before the end of the decade, this could force Honda out of Formula One, in order to concentrate all its engineering resources on meeting the new standards for road cars.

In that event, McLaren could offer Mercedes-Benz a desirable home for another V12 Formula One engine. • The latest Tyrrell-Ford, the 019, which features some innovative aerodynamic changes, including the most elaborate pair of front wings yet seen on a modern Formula One car, was unveiled yesterday and will undergo five

Championship opener develops into tyre war

THE first race of the 1990 Esso British touring car champ-ionship, which takes place at Oulton Park in Cheshire today. has already developed into a tyre war between three chief manufacturers. The leading Ford Sierra Cosworths, have each called upon different tyre manufacturers to give them the

competitive edge.

There was a tense battle in qualifying yesterday between the Dunlop-shod Labatts Sierras of Tim Harvey and Laurence Bristow, who were initially fastest before being overhauled by the Yokohama Tyres car of Robb Gravett. The former champion, Andy Rouse, on Pirelli tyres, also moved ahead after crashing off the track and bedly demonstrate by Science badly damaging his Sierra. Rapid work by his mechanics

TARMAC railies have tra-ditionally favoured Ford cars but their run of three wins in succession on the BIF circuit of Ireland Rally may end this weekend (a Special Corres-

line-up of half a dozen Sapphire and Sierra Cosworths when the rally starts near Belfast tomor-row but he will come under a lot of pressure over the next three days from Japanese and Ger-

CYCLING

Bushey rider

making his

mark in Paris

By Peter Bryan

MATTHEW Stephens's victory

last Sunday in the Grand Prix Boulogne, on the outskirts of Paris, so impressed his French

sponsors that they secured his

release yesterday from a British team which will be competing in

France over the next 10 days.
Stephens, aged 20, from
Bushey, Hertfordshire, took the
French classic when he showed

his climbing strength by pulling

away to win on his own. His club, ACBB of Paris, have now

drafted the talented youngster

into a team competing on a hilly

the British team by another

French-based Briton, Peter

Maxwell, who rides for a club at

Troyes. The six-man squad will be led by the national cham-

pion, Dave Cook, who also competes in ACBB colours. The

other members are Tim Hall,

Paul Rogers, Steve Farrell, the

man-in-form, and Brian Smith,

Farrell beat Smith in last

Sunday's Overtoom Grand Prix

over a stiff course in the

Chilterns, leaving him in a dominating position in the Star

Trophy series of 10 races.

time for racing and training.

from Scotland.

Stephens has been replaced in

generate 550 bp, a similar po output to that attained a few years ago by grand prix cars, testing brakes, suspension and tyres to the limit.

"These powerful cars are really the ultimate test of our new radial tyres," Tony Gilhome, the Dunlop Motorsport manager, said. The lessons we learn from working more directly to our road tyres than other projects such as Formula One."

The 1990 championship also sees the debut of a new class for cars of up to two litre engine size. Fastest in this category was the BMW junior driver, Kelvin Burt, aged 22, who lapped the track at an average of 98.5 mph in his BMW M3, qualifying ahead of the senior BMW saw him back in action.

The turbo-charged variants of the family Ford hatchback now driver, Frank Sytner, and also the Vauxhall Cavalier of the 1939 champion, John Cleland.

ing Shell Open rally champion, has a new four-wheel drive Toyota Celica to tackle the 220

miles of Irish lanes and there are three BMW M3 cars in the

ands of Austin McHale, Bertie

Jimmy McRae, winner of the

Fisher and Graham Middleton.

event seven times in the past 10

years, is missing this year, but his son, Colin, would dearly like

Ford mastery at risk

pondent writes).

Malcolm Wilson heads their

built to a design drawn by Rob Humphreys, who also designed Rothmans, the Whitbread Round the World Race yacht. to emulate his father at the finish near Dublin at tea-time The Ultras are based on an American

Sponsors step in to aid

tomorrow, when they meet Italy at Wolverhampton; the England under-16 B side went down narrowly to an Italian under-16 XV, 13-17, on Wednesday. England's try scorers were McCafferty and Hoare, with Lake contributing a conversion

Their seniors face their most demanding engagement so far when they meet Ireland Schools at Oxford on Wednesday. The fixture was facing financial problems until Allied Irish Banks stepped in with generous sponsorship and Ireland's 12-10 defeat of Wales in Belfast recently suggests that England 18 group will underestimate them

at their peril. England's showing so far gives ground for considerable encouragement but with two caveats. There is a degree of tryconsciousness apparent that prevents the side playing to its full potential and the pack must demonstrate in the two remaining games that it no longer blows up in a match's fourth quarter. These two points apart, England 18 group have played with skill and assurance and may well clinch the junior triple crown on

He is an obvious front runner for a place in Britain's team in the Milk Race next month and is Wednesday, though "the grand slam", with France to play in France, is quite another matter. considering whether to become a self-employed pharmacist, instead of working for a major chain, in order to have more Douai put firmly behind them their lapse at Roehampton that eliminated them from the

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Portugal won the Portugal inter-national schools' sevens, bear-ing Cascais, 13-12, in the final. Douai beat Hereford Cathedral School, 12-6, in the quarter finals and survived a demand-

YACHTSMEN sailing near the Hamble

are the first in Britain to be given a

preview of the British-designed and built Ultra 30s, the dramatic ballasted din-

ghies with which it is intended to

establish the country's first fully-spon-

sored, spectator-oriented yacht race cir-

B&Q, pictured above and owned by

John Caulcutt, launched last month and

sponsored by a Southampton-based DIY

store chain, is the first of six boats being

cuit (Malcolm McKeag writes).

Liverpool, comfortably in the other semi-final, 16-0. Stewart's Melville, who played with such flair to win the reston international schools festival, had earlier won comfortably at the Merchiston sevens, beating George Wat-son's, 26-4, in a one-sided final. They went down narrowly to George Watson's, 12-10, in the

The Perth Academy sevens were won by Merchiston Castle, who beat Dollar Academy 24-4 in the final and the Golden Acre sevens were also won by Merchiston, who defeated George Watson's 24-12 in the

Putting a price on rights of passage



THE intermittent arrival here of each yacht, at the end of the fifth leg of the Whitbread Round the World Race, has all of 30 or so curious spectators: besides those who are family, officials, sponsors, or girlfriends. The first ever visit John Anson, the financial of this event, in five races, to director, are busy playing the the great commercial haven of Olympic bidding game with the United States is not exports as with host cities: what actly hitting Florida like a will you provide in facilities, in sponsorship-in-kind, if we Beefeater hostesses trip let the fleet sale in?

around the dock in Elizabe-The London brewing conglomerate, founded 250 than costume hardly noticed on a coast where, man or years ago by Samuel Whitbread, is fortunate that the race is known and identiwoman, you can wear polka dot pink trousers with lime green socks and an orange hat fied by a single word. Older national, and international, and no one will even blink. The Beefeater attire is sober sporting events such as the Derby or the World Cup can enough almost to be anonynever acquire such an instant Yet impact, in the ad-man's identification with a newlyterms, is measured, needless acquired sponsor. to say, by exposure-by-second

the arrival of the White-bread, as it is being called conglomerate's advertising budget. The cost of the fouryearly nine-month race, with locally, is said to be worth between \$60 million and \$80 seven ports of call including million for its tourist exposure start and finish, is increasing to some 80 countries. by multiples of four. At Therein lies the key to the present it stands at around £7 survival of the race for a sixth million, and if Whitbread are circumnavigation in 1993-94. to continue they are depen-

But there is a limit to any

The Round the World Race is now so expensive that the sponsors want to spread the load

The value of this is not to be underestimated. The winter sports benefit to Sofia of two failed campaigns for the Olympic Winter Games is thought to have been £10 million. Similar advantage was earned by Birmingham when the city tried and failed in bidding for the 1992 Olympic Games. The campaign put Birmingham on the international map, and although the available number of ports for a circumnavigation are relatively few, the same factor

Cape Town, for the moment discarded, Adelaide, Mel-bourne, Sydney, Rio, and Buenos Aires are all possible ports not utilized on this race for which the stages to and from the Solent have been Punta dei Este (Uruguay), Fremantle, Auckland, Punta del Este again, and Fort Landerdale Auckland, where you could hardly move on harbour-view roads during arrival time, has been told that a return next time is not guaranteed.

Yet the supposed commercial jackpot, which the Royal Naval Sailing Association

Ultra 30s lead fight to attract sponsors

absorbed in co-sponsorship by discarded as a possibility two south-east (Florida), the Great or three years ago before the present Whithread committee Francisco and San Diego). could have a say, is New York. The question is: would the Big Apple be any more whelmed by the Whitbread than is the

Venice of the Cambbean? One of the problems would be weather. In the past few days it has been snowing in Massachusetts, and weary crews do not want to arrive to that kind of welcome after a 6,000-mile trek from the South Atlantic. Nor is it sure that the haughty New York Yacht Club (NYYC), still smarting after its surrender of the America's Cup seven years ago, would be a willing host club. When Admiral Charles Williams of the RNSA ten-

by the doorman that he should become the blue riband event if only it can get its foot in the

tatively called, unannounced,

at the NYYC's Central Park

premises, it is said he was told

American door. "It's an uphill from Portsmouth in 1973. struggle," Anson says, because America is several different countries [in sail- Finnish maxi, lost its keel and ing]." There is the north-east capsized on the fourth leg - (Newport and New York), the

Lakes, and California (San

The television figures are, as et, small but encouraging. ESPN Cable is giving figures. of around four million viewers for edited footage; and Gary Johson, the former America's Cup racer who leads the ESPN coverage, believes a cult following for the race is begin-

ning to take off.

The good news with a longdistance ocean race is that all boats can make news all of the time; unlike the America's Cup where the field narrows by knockout rounds down to a two-boat final. The bad news for the Whithread, and for individual boat sponsors, is that it is only bad news that tends to be news. There is aiways a risk that a sponsor may have associated itself with a project which ends with loss of life: there has been one Yet the America's Cup is in loss in this race, though safety precautions and satellite scope for the Whitbread to communication are now vastly more efficient than when the boats first set off

The bad-news factor can be two-edged. When Martela, the

of Switzerland - the boat had world-wide front page head-lines. When Belmont, another Finaish boat, went aground bere on arrival two days ago,

that made news. A boat sponsor has to have courage. So do the crews. There are no higger heroes at home, besides the all-women crew of Maiden, than the French postmen on La Poste. How might our Post Office change its often sullen image were it to enter a boat in 1993? The America's Cup is first about sailing machines and then

first and foremost about Sadly, with the stakes now so high, there is the possibility of cheating shifting ballast, using the engine, having il-legal, over-sized sails. Another priority for the next race is an RNSA organizing committee that has some first-hand experience of the race and takes the necessary steps, just as with drug testing to in-troduce seals that will limit the

about crew; the Whithread is

scope for bending the rules. The amateurish RNSA will have to dance to Whitbread's time when the sponsors an-

A wager inspires spirited finish by Equity & Law

From Barry Pickthall, Fort Landerdale

rounded Cape Horn together, and doubled it for this last leg." The two yachts could not be more disparate. At 63ft overall, Equity & Law is giving away 17ft to her British rival, but carries a professional crew and is faster in light weather. Creightons, on the other hand, has 23 paying passengers, many of them still learning the ropes,

but has the advantage of size in "This leg has been the At-lantic's equivalent of a cruise across the Serpentine. These were times when I thought we should have carried 20 deckchains and and a candy floss machine." Chittenden said. We had a very good start, and for one marvellous 24-hour period we were fourth, ahead of Rothmans. We really relished

With Andrew Coghill's With finish yesterday, Creightons Naturally is expected to enhance her overall lead in the cruiser division by more than three

"With Integrity has had some bad luck." Chittenden said. They went off on a flyer to

make up for a poor start and it didn't pay off." But luck has a habit of turning full circle in a race of this length, and following the death of Tony Phillips, washed overboard durrhings, wasness overtooms uni-ing the second stage of the race, and three stops to repair break-ages, Chittenden and his crew have earned this share of good

SPURRED on by a wager of Some 500 miles away, the tide Scotch, Dirk Nauta's division of luck continues to run against two Dutch entry, Equity & Law. Tracy Edwards all-women crew swept across the Fort Lauder on Maiden. After making up dale finish at the end of the fifth more than 75 miles on their stage of the Whithread Round leading rivals, L'Esprit de the World Race, 37 minutes Liberté and Racanor Sport earabead of John Chittenden's rival lier this week, the British yacht "We've had a very close German entry Schlusset von race," Nauta said. "We set a two-bottle wager when we "Our boom, which cracked

"Our boom, which cracked last week, is still giving us problems, especially when we are shy-reaching under spinnaker," Edwards told me over the radio yesterday.

"We've rigged up a double preventer system to relieve some of the strain and are

REBLÉLTE: Filth Stage: (Linguay to Fort Lectordate). Hand challes: 1, Staininger 2 (P. Blate, N.Z.), 22-days 16 hours 41 ruins; 2. Fahrer & Paylon (G. Datton, N.Z.), 22-17:15: 3, Rodfmann (L. Smith, G.B.), 22-17:15: 4, Merit (P. Feshimann, Switz), 23-10:52: 5, The Card (R. Hillen), Swith, 23-15:24: 6, Sattpoole British Defender (Cor C Westlinn, G.B., 22-12-18); 7, USF Finland (L. Inguell, Fel), 24:00:23; 8, NCB Instand (J. Ergisto, Ird.), 24:00:23; 10, Balmond Finland (J. Ergisto, Ird.), 24:00:23; 11, Fortuna (J. de la Gandara, Sp.), 24:10:37; 12, Charles Jourdan (A. Gabbay, Fr), 24:11:34; 13, Fezzle (S. Novan, USSR), 22:01:57; Eduision 2-1; Equity & Len (D. Naudin, Neith), 25:20:45. Crailes different (C. Craffiguers Naturally (J. Childraden, G.B.), 22:21:22. Coher positions (Compilied et 12:22 GMT Other positions (complied at 12-22 GMT with miles to Fort Lauderdaint; titus division; 14, Liverpool Energine (8 Saltron, GB), 165. Civision 3: 1, L'Espit de Liberta (P Tabarty, Fr), 377. 2, Pacteror Sport (8 Dubois, Bel), 355; 3 equal, Malden (T Edwards, GB) and Schlussel von Brassen (Dr P Weicher, WG, 503: 5, La Poste (8 Malle, Fr), 814. Cruiser Challett. 2, With Integrity (A Cophil, GB) 475.

Run to Manila decides

THE first three-yacht European far set the pace in the five-event team to challenge for Asia's series.

premier Corum China Sea Race

Leading the European at-Series trophy set off from Hong Kong for Manila yesterday knowing this will be its make or

The 650-mile classic is worth ble points and the Europeans must use it to draw away from
Australia, with whom they are
tied, and start overhauling Hong
Kong, whose Australian and
New Zealand skippers have so

Sunstreaker with the French Corum 11 and the Portugueseowned Jelik. Sixty-two yachts began the race to Manila in an unusual light nor wester that allowed spinnakers to be set straight away. The China Sea Race Series is being considered

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Barrow lay foundation for first Wembley visit

BARROW have completed the hardest part of their quest for the FA Trophy; tomorrow, Wembley beckons for the first time. The single goal scored by Gilmour at Coine Dynamoes in the first leg of the semi-final last Saturday made them the first of five GM Vauxball Conference chubs to register a winning margin at Holt House this

season.

For the all-ticket second leg, Barrow hope to fill Holker Street close to the 6,300 limit. Two years ago, when they reached the same stage, 6,002 people watched the home leg. The club are 11-8 favourities to win the Trophy for the first time. Trophy for the first time.

The win at Coine came at an

unlikely time; it was Barrows first away victory for four months, and broke a sequence of 11 matches without success. However, the competition this season still holds fascinating permutations. The two Conference sides remaining have relegation worries, Sufferd Rangers, who drew 0-0 with Leek Town in the first leg, are sixth from bottom, and Barrow are one place above. Winning the Trophy may be secondary,

at least to the managers, to Lock Town's draw with Statford at Marston Road enhanced the possibility of one of the HFS Louns League sides reaching the final, although Stafford's form (they have lost twice in the last:

17 matches) is impressive. Leek, in the first division, and Coloe, in the premier, are pushing for promotion; none the less, it would not diminish the east, it would not diminish the appeal of non-League's biggest cup competition if one, or both, of the underdogs were to progress to Wembley.

Dartford, the Beazer Homes League premier division chib, have been ordered to demolish a

new, 600-sent stand because planning permission has not been obtained. Dartford share the Watling Street ground with Maidstone, the fourth division League side.

The club built the stand with the recommendation of council officers but before approval had been granted. Local residents complained that the stand was too close, that supporters could see into their homes from the

stand, and that supporters caused trouble on match days. Councillors on the planning committee this ordered the removal of the stand. The Maidstone chairman. Jim Thompson, said that the

over the stand to prevent supporters overlooking neigh-bouring properties on match

 Boston United have appointed Dave Crisack as played manager. The former Rotherham United manager has held a caretaker role at York Street incention. Street since January.

SCHOOLS RUGBY

international fixture

THE England 16 group come to knock-out stage of the festival the climax of their season and during their recent tour to ing semi-final against Mon-mouth, winning 16-14, while Cascais defeated St Edward's, of

final of the Glasgow HS

The All-England under-16 sevens at London Irish were sevens at London Irish were won by St Edmund's, Ware, ENGLAND 16 GROUP: T Stimpson (Sicontes); E Razek (Loughborough GS), K Wettenden (Bedford), N Ryan (Mount St. Mary's), P Homby (Hymer's); S Housed (Duwich College), D Roberts (Durham', N Tempset (King's, Taunton), S Parkin (St. Ivas CS), R Winter (Hopiropham), A Vander (Milliold), A Edwards (Lewes Priory), G Archer (Biddick), K Yeses (Prince Henry's GS, Otey), B Wyse-Roberts (Bedford).

idea - the Ultimate 30 - but the British

owners decided to opt for a one-design

(all boats built to the same plans) rather than the American idea of allowing open design. The intention is to keep down

costs and avoid an American-style 'arms

race': Humphreys designed the most

successful boat on the US circuit. An

Ultra costs about £30,000 to build and

according to Canlcutt, a sponsor could

put one on the circuit for about £50,000

for the first year, £20,000 for following.

years. The budget and the nature of the

circuit, he says, should appeal to

medium-size companies, especially

those seeking to promote a local identity.

Five half-hour televison programmes are

Ryan rocks the Blue Jays

By Robert Kirley

A CELEBRATED pitcher, a little known slugger and the latest astronomical salary are among the leading stories of the first week of the Major League. Nolan Ryan, aged 43, of the Texas Rangers, pitched five innings without yielding a hit, but left the game because of fatigue in a home victory over the Toronto Blue Javs. the Toronto Blue Jays.

Ninety pitches sapped the like all other players, endured a month-long lock-out from pre-season training. Nevertheless, he walked four and struck out four in earning his 290th Sam Horn, a bargain-base-

COWES High School defeated

Weston Park, Southampton, 2-1 in the semi-final of the Jacobs

under-16 trophy. This is the first

time a team from the Isle of Wight has reached a national

schools final.

In a 15-minute period of the first half, Cowes HS took com-

mand, their first goal coming

long ball and pushed it past the

scored two runs. Don Mattingly's five-year contract extension with the New York Yankies, worth \$19.3 million, made him the highest-paid player in baseball history. His average annual salary of \$3.86 million exceeded the \$3.75 milment minor-league acquisition, belped the Baltimore Orioles to lion attained by Will Clark, of the San Francisco Giants, in a 7-6 victory that spoiled the Kansas City Royals' home

the National Football League,

reached base five times and

opener. Horn, who joined the Orioles five days before the start of the season, got four hits, including a pair of three-run During the past five seasons, Mattingly, aged 28, has led the big leagues in runs batted in (574), then third in hits (1,012), fourth in batting average (324) and tied for fifth in home runs (137) home runs.
The 6ft 5in 17st designated hitter was picked up from the Boston Red Sox organization Boston Red SON organization for \$120,000, spare change in the big leagues. For the Royals, Bo Jackson, who doubles as a running back for the Raiders of Dwight Gooden, the pere

scheduled this year to cover the racing

Ultra meetings will be held this season

in June, at Queen Mary SC, London; in July, at Brighton; at Ocean Village,

Southampton, and at Falmouth; and in

The fate of the proposed world

championship, planned for Falmouth in August, is still in doubt because of the

dispute which arose last winter, when a

company called High Profile Yachting

attempted to take over management of

the regatta circuit: High Profile's at-

tempts were resisted by the British owners, and their deal with the American promoters of the Ultimate Yacht Race

regattas subsequently fell through.

August at Plymouth.

nial opening day starter of the New York Mets, was pounded in a 12-3 loss to the Pittsburgh Pirates. Gooden gave up five runs, all earned, in four 2/3 innings. Bruce Hurst, of the San Diego Padres, gave up no hits until the seventh inning, but lost 4-2 to the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Hurst's downfall was a threerun home run by Hubie Brooks. Delino DeShields, the second baseman of the Montreal Expos, tied a record by getting four hit in his first big league game, 2.6-5 loss to the St Louis Cardinals.

SCHOOLS FOOTBALL

Cowes HS reach first final in style

By George Chesterton

goalkeeper. Thorne put Rowlett through to score the second and although Weston Park came back well in the second helf. they seldom looked like scoring. Indeed, their single goal came from a Culverson penalty five minutes from time.

minute into the game. They remained on top throughout the first half, and McGuimness, in the Campion goal, made good saves to prevent any further In the other semi-final, Camscore before the interval. pion High School, Liverpool, defeated Brinsworth School,

Campion finally came to life Rotherham, by the same score: 25 minutes into the second half

Brinsworth immediate

on the attack with Brook being

deliente

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mila deck

Heart Of Joy poised to advertise classic chance in Nell Gwyn

HEART Of Joy, the 9-2 fav- second, a welcome end to a country for the 1,600 Guineas, rum of eight horses placed in capital with Dead Certain, the makes her seasonal debut in the classic.

David Elsworth has account the classic.

port which has forced her the market is difficult to final fine up yet to be decided, price down from 25-1 at the ignore when it expresses such. With the 2,000 Grineas turn of the year, Michael confidence in her potential. Stoute, her trainer and self- However, her first task is to alternatives to the cramped proclaimed realist, remains overcome a possible maxiguarded in his praise. She is a mum of 11 opponents on
nice filly and has been work. Tuesday. Salsabil, the John Cecil's Shavian as lively each-

the Nell Gwyn Stakes at Heart Of Joy has run only and In The Groove, He will Newmarket on Tuesday.

Once, when winning a maiden deploy one each at New-Despite the concerted sup- at Newbury last October, but market and Newbury, the

ing well," he said yesterday. Dunlop-trained winner of the "But how good is she? I just Prix Marcel Bousse at Long-don't know until she runs." champ last October and also don't know until she runs."

Stoute finally laid his 1,000 well backed for the first classic, is more likely to run in the when Musical Bliss and Fred Darling States at New-Kerrera occupied first and bury on Friday week.

Record crowd expected to watch Desert Orchid

DESERT Orchid's appearance several heavy downpours to in the Jameson Irish Grand make any significant altinake any significant alteration. The ground triping and on the landing and the ground the probably more than 20,000 will be here," said Pierce Duggan, the course manager. That would be much the best in recent years. We always have a big crowd but, of course, the Great One from England can be guaranteed to add a few more." The Easter Monday fixture at Fairyhouse is traditionally a family day out which appeals as much to the infrequent racepors as to the regulars. "There has been a great deal of interest generated by Desert Orchid." Duggan added. "People always appreciate a good horse, in Ireland probably more than anywhere."

The going is good, with rain forecast. However, it will take

Racing commentator Julian
Wilson, who buys and manages
Mr Marit's houses, said:
"Poutermove is the second
horse owned by Mr Mariti and
was bought to launch the opening of his new restaurant in
Rulham Road, West London.
The winner will now be running
in the Brown Orchard Handicao
N. M. It.

Saumarez extends Cauthen's fine run

STEVE Cauthen yesterday maintained his impressive run of winners at Ripon's two-day meeting, making it three wins from as many rides, when Sammarez, heavily supported to odds-on in the Akhorough Maiden Stakes, coasted home by seven lengths from Shannon Flood.

Sammarez was allowed to settle down at the rear of the field early on before coming through to take the lead just over three furlongs from home.

Victory:

Saumarez was allowed to settle down at the rear of the field early on before coming through to take the lead just over time furlougs from home. The Henry Cecil-trained winner only had so be shaken up a furlong out to win easily. Robert Eddery, a brother of the champion jockey, Pat, and travelling head lad to owner Charles St George, said: "Now it must a be a graduation race for Saumarez."

Pat Eddery was one to partner

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Eton Lad in the race, but his

mount was pulled out after a

ver's certificate was produced

Pontenuovo has been pe-

Fog catches up with rider SYLVESTER Carmouche has fog and rejoining the pack after a term banned from riding in Louisians for 10 years after being found guilty of taking a short cut in the fog to win a race at Delta Downs racetrack in January on the 23-1 outsider two jockeys in the race who January on the 23-1 outsider two jockeys in the race who January on the 23-1 outsider two jockeys in the race who jockeys in

way value.

One Craven opponent Cecil will not have to worry about is Longchamp on Monday.

ppointing favourite on his final start last term, in the Feilden Stakes on Thursday, and plans to re-introduce his good filly Chimes Of Freedom in the Fred Darling.

Newmarket on Wednesday. Brush Aside, once an optimistic Derby favourite on the strength of a win in a maiden, re-appears in the John Porter Stakes at Newbury on Sat-

Coing: Sirm

2:18 (1m) 1, SAIJMANEZ (S Cauchen, 4-6 lav); 2, Sanamon Flood (C Ammussen, 5-1); 3, Superceder (K Falico, 20-1); ALSO RAME S-RA Welcomme (4th), 12 Westputte Rock, 20 Elmdon Prisco, 26 Double Strand, 33 Alradale, Macconsolate, Mystersales, Networkers (1m); Party Rez, Reflective, Rexy Boy, Sheriff's Band (5th), Dennesates (6th), Esmis, Saxdy Storm, 16 ran. NR: Ban Lad. 7, 41, 193, Ind. nk. H Gooff at Meximatory. Tokes 1905; 51, 20, 21, 70, 22,80. DR: 22,90. GSR: RATS.

2-45 (1m 1t) 1, PONTERBLOVO (2 Welliams, 8-1); 2, Cassing (3 Raid, 9-2 R-law); 2, Heilande Prince (1. Deton), 10-1), ALSO RNA: 9-2 Raw Postively Grase (8th), 7 Ghachbase, 8 Swelley Sir, 10 Lescroft, Predout Balletins (4th), 12 Wellia (7), 14 A Gernbersen Two, 16 Merch Abow, Tilstone Lodge (5th), 20 Aconform, Francia Rose, 25 Torgiow, Pretty in Pink, Golden Seesikew, 33 Alai, Soil Intention, The Scarlet Dragon, 20 ran. 41, 61, 11, 15, 10 Sisseorth at Writsbury, Tote: 23,40; 23,00, 22,40, 22,00. GP: 215,00. GSP: 26,90.

2,15 (80) 1, PROFILIC (6 Parks, 9-2 inv);

2.15 (8) 1, PROFILIC (8 Paris, 9-2 fav);
2, Brand Black (C Assurace, 7-1); 3, Heavy Will (Date Gloco, 11-2); ALSO RAN: 11-2 Solomon's Song (4th), Letabeonestaboutt (55), 5-1 Red Rosein (8th), 9-1 Resucade, 14-1 Cumbrian Express, 35-4 (Filosia, Surah Adher, 40 ma. 154

nk, 14, hd, 14. Capt J Wilson at Tarieton. Tole: 25.20; 21.90, 22.10, 22.10. DF: £13.40. CSF: £31.57. Tricest: £158.48.

£13.40. CSP. £31.57. Tricost: £158.48.
3.45 (37) 1, TIMEL £58 TIMES (A MAURO, 6-4 tor.) Michael & Selly Impt; 2, Sacought (J. Carroll, 7-4); 3, Spinochiller (Alex Graeves, 11-2). ALSO RAM: 7-1 Scansicipi Alboy (4th), 12-1 Premier Royale (6th), 14-1 Fibricious, Magical Desant, 2-1 Machinogton (5th), 8 rss., NR: Stansford Bridge, 3; 30, 71, 31, 31, W O'Gorpen at Newmerket, Toke: £2.20, £1.10, £1.20, £1.50. DF: £2.20, CSP. 55.20.

A 15. Can. 47 Thurb. 1, BEAU DAIGST (6.

05.20.
Putts, 16-11: 2, As D'Ebell (R Palion, 9-1): 3, Sevenet (Dale Gibson, 16-4), ALSO RAIK 85-40 fav Sugar The Pia, 11-4 Rock Pace Sith; 8 Colin Seller, 9 Cherm Time (8th, 12 Alsonia, 14 Shartani, Sharqain 4th), 12 Laga Streak, 33 Dubry 2 Double, Dumounin, 13 ran, 11, 251, 11, 151, 151, R Hollinghed at Upper Longidos, Toes: 22.201; 25.70, 22.70, 2.240, DP. 252.80.
CSP, 2155.43, Tribent: 22,153.68.

market becalused by a lack of

Whether Shavian runs in the Crayen Stakes depends on how he works at the weekend," Cecil said yesterday. "He had a stifle problem a month ago and will almost certainly need the race. But he should be spot on by Guineas

the André Fabre-trained Jade Robbery, who was yesterday confirmed as a runner instead in the Prix de Fontainebleu at Cecil runs Golan Heights, a

Of his older horses, Cecil has Citidancer, and possibly Monsagem, fined up for the Earl Of Seston Stakes at

At Doncaster last month, on the second day of the Flat turf season, he lost his claim. On the Saturday, he rode a double including Evichstar, the 33-1 winner of the Lincoln. Now with 15 winners, he is the leading rider on turf this season. Reflect-

Southwell

2.8 cm hole) 1. THE OVERSMOST MAN (T Wall, 11-1); 2. Geldies Isange (B Storry, 11-4); 3. Bites Dinc (R Durswoody, 7-1). ALSO RANK: 5-4 fav Colombines, 11-1 Doctor's Remedy (Sith, 12-1 Chapteste (4th), 25-1 Wreden Warrior (p.a., 50-1 Clever Claude (9th), 8 ran. NF: Cougar. st, 251, 3., 12, nc. 8 McMetter at Terrecords. Total: 28-10; 52-00, 57-10, 21.90. DF: 215.50, CSP: 228.57.

3.6 (2m 4f helie) 1, MIOT'S BEASTY (S Woods, 16-1); 2, Francison Rosses (A Sharratt, 8-1); 3, L'Aquison (V Smith, event fav.). ALSO FANE 5-2 Power Bost (4th), 16-1 The Lidgate Star (25-1), Monastic Caim Stit), Lovely Litzie, Spring Wedding (I), 50-1 Heron's Stam (Smith, Right Founds, 10 ran, 3, 13, 4, 4, 3, 6 Nobleth et Bury St Edmands, Toles 27-740; 23:90, 22:90, 21,00, DF: 257-70, CSP: £122-78.

3.30 (5m ch) 1, QLASS MOUNTAIN (G McCourt, 7-2); 2, Diames Deathy (R Supple, 12-1); 3, Bellinsween (Air A Sensone, 6-1), ALSO RANG 5-2 few Sing-ing Seel (pu), 7-2 Proplus (ur), 8-1 Meeter Gliesson (h. 20-1 Robsim (pu), 33-1 Badgers Alead (pu), Weetern Raylval (pu), Tare Boy (4th), 50-1 Wicher Dan (5th), Floyel Granatier (pu), 12 ran, 12, 144, 44 G Moore at Middleham, Tole: 22.40, 21.10, 22.70, 22.80, DF: 212.70, CSF: 242.54.

By Paul Wheeler

steering job, but I still couldn't year-old said: "It's great, I just bope I can carry it on."

But this is not a story of childhood dreams come true. "I never intended to be a jockey, I was 16 and needed a career. Racing was something I hadn't even considered, but at 4ft 10in this quest for improvement Munny joined Mel Brittain at make my arrangements with some good rides, and she places them very well."

This season, Munro has been given his big chance riding as first jockey to the Newmarket-bow to ride a finish, and I needed more experience."

O'Gorman. He tells me where States each winter since I was the wants me to ride, and then I ly, riding work. Over there you set noil according to how many FOR many apprentices, losing their claim can be a difficult time. They find themselves at a crossroads at which they must take the first, tentative steps to becoming a fully-fledged jockey, competing on level terms with the likes of Eddery and Cauthen.
But for Also Munro with his even considered, but at 4ft 10in and 5½ stone it was suggested I give it a try. It was simply because of my height," he said, adding with a smile: "I mean I couldn't be a besketball player."

A.26 (2m 100yd cth 1, BANDRAY (M Lynch, 10-11 favi; 2, Barra Brass (R Martey, 8-1); 3, Straight Down (C Handdas, 7-1). ALSORAM: 8-2 Kendesfort (no.). 5 Translar's Trip (ur). 5 ran. NR: Corinol, Doronicum, Starjestic. 16, 12. J Upon at Towcester. Tota: 22.00; 21.50, 22.20. Dr: 24.50. CSF: 27.57.

Taunton

2.0 (3m 3f ch) 1, EN GOUMASI THÉON (P. Holley, 4-6 tex); 2, Peratichety (B. Powell, 9-7), ALSO RANK 8-1 Gringo (pu), 25-1 Denerisma (pu), 4 ran. 254, G. Doldos at hybridge, Total: £1.70, DP; £1.70, CSF; £2.21.

3.20 (2m 31 hdis) 1, OTT (P Scudemore, Eners inn); 2. Colonial Office (Peter Hobbs, 6-6; 3, Train Robber (W hvins, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Reading (4h), 68-1 Lutinate (nul. 5 ran. NR: Ferrystraum, 3; 20, 51. M Pipe at Wellington, Tota: 22.20; 21.60, 21.10. DP: 21.90, CSP: 22.72.

But for Alan Munro, with his distinctive crouching style of riding, there were no such Mund applied to many trainers and was eventually taken on by Barry Hills. "I went down for a month's trial, and ended up staying for 21/2 years. I rode one winner for him, on Sentimental

Munro cashing in with crouching style

In his quest for improvement Munro joined Mel Brittain at Warthill, near York. "Mr Brittain works his horses against the clock, and finds out exactly how good they are, which was very helpful in learning to ride," he said.

Manro stayed with Brittain

for four years, and last season struck up an association with Lynda Ramsden, the Thirsk trainer. "Two been very hocky. Mrs Ramsden has supplied me

Results from yesterday's three meetings

4.30 (2m 110)d hdie) 1, RASTANNORA (P Scudencre, 2-1); 2, Park Street (J Oaborna, 10-11 fav); Klag Retale (B Powel, 11-2, ALSO RAA: 6-1 Addington Ball (5th), 7-1 Live in Hope (4th), 100-1 Gellant Buck (8th), 6 ran. 81, 151, 12, sh hd. 101. M Pipe at Wallington, Tota: 23.40; 21.70, 21.40. DF: 23.30. CSP: 24.84.

Doidge plan

En Gounasi Theon, trained by Graham Doidge, will take on Mr Frisk in the Whitbread Gold Cnp later this month following his 25 lengths victory at Taunton yesterday.

Translated from the Greek, the horse's name means "In The Lap Of The Gods", which hopes off 6st 121b. 2.30 (2m 110yd hole) 1, THE PURKENNABOEN (K Mooney, 7-2; 2, No Bouss (M Bousby, 10-11 fav); 3, London Express (Peter Hobbs, 5-1), ALSO RAN: 12-1 Amentotop (4m), 50-1 Meter My Night (6m), 100-1 Georgien Cuickstep (5th), Esster Lass (pet, 7 ran. 2, 101, 71, 5, 15. F Waleyn at Lambourn, Tole: 23,70; 21.60, £1.10. DF: 22.40. CSP: 26.08.

Ten Of Spades will be an absentee from the Whitbread Gold Cup because of the firm

Point-to-point

AXE VALE (Stafford Cross) Heat: 1, Culmieigh Padre (M Sweetland); 2, St. Bride; 3, Ambertack. 5 ran. Adj It Smelkend Willer (T Mitchell) walked over. Open: 1, Glan Somers (D Luff); 2, Chesterfield. 3 ran. only 2 Braished. Ladiaer. 1, Trinstrue Angel (Miss P Baller); 2, Peacotal Peahen. 2 ran. Adj Reet I: 1, Pat Alaska (F Burrough); 2, Eksylese, 3, Claywell. 7 ran. Adj Reet II: 1, Curracondon Lad (J Farthing); 2, Camillas Cholet; 3, Moy Ran Lady, 5 ran. Reet: 1, Sufficeted Suzile (C Down); 2, Donna's Boy; 3, Ayandee. 9 ran.

Apart from his flying start,
Munro also stands out with his riding style. He has adopted the crouched, longer-legged Amerihave my way."

make my arrangements with Mrs Ramsden. Her son, Jonathan, acts as my agent so it all works out pretty well.

So it was a necessity to adapt otherwise you wouldn't get on. otherwise you wouldn't get on."

Munro is now rapidly app "The big worry when you lose your claim is whether trainers still support you. But I'd already knew I had those two jobs, so I wasn't worried."

Munro is now rapadly approaching a career century of winners. His aims are realistic, but marked with an unmistakable hint of ambition. "I'd like

Flexible approach key to adjacents

THE need for two adjacent hunt races at each point-to-point meeting to be mandatory is, at meeting to be mandatory is, at last, being addressed following a proposal by the Master of Foxhounds point-to-point sub committee.

Presently, these races, of which one is normally for maidens, are for horse confined to the control of the control

to not more than 10 hunts adjacent to the host. attract the most runners, it is

inevitable that the smaller, un-fashionable hunts are getting the thin edge of the wedge.

In considering alternatives, some basic requirements need be satisfied: firstly, to meet the need of comments according to needs of owners; secondly, to provide competitive races for vide a progression of graded races from novices up to poten-

tial three-mile National Hunt Every individual meeting cannot be expected to achieve all three of these requirements

but, with an average of 100 races in each area, it should not be a difficult task overall.

It will be impossible to please everybody by imposing any conditions which are mandatory, nor are they necessary. The number of variations for alternatives are almost limitless, ranging from maidens through

winners of one, two or three

seasons or all time; penalties could be imposed for winners. or not races could be confined to adjacent hunts, point-to-point areas, within so many miles radius of venue or open to

The Jockey Club's involve ment could be confined to the third of the basic requirements, races for each area.

to areas, point-to-point sec-returies, in conjunction with owners, could best determine meet the needs of both owner and specators. Although it has not been

likely to be made to the con-ditions of the mandatory mem-bers' race, this could usefully be thrown into the pot for dis cussion at the same time. At vides a needed and competitive event, while at others it is a complete waste of time. The option, again, should be open to

of races to evolve which will meet all needs. Replacing one set of mandatory conditions by another will only stiffe

Thompson one of A decision in favour of Norling six to be retained FOUR years ago in a New Year's Day match between Cardiff and Bath at Cardiff Arms

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

inaugural England under-21 side against Romania last May reappear for the first under-21 international this scason, against The Netherlands in Hilversum on April 29. They include Gavin Thompson, the Harlequins centre, who will lead

the side.

The Rngby Football Union has not found fixture-making easy at this age level; nevertheless it regards it as a vital development step for potential senior internationals, in terms of exposing players to unaccus-tomed playing conditions and introducing them to the dis-ciplines of representing one's ountry overseas.

For the game in Hilversum a

match squad of 21 has been chosen, to which will be added two further players for selection for the game at Melun on May 12 against a French Armed Services under-21 XV. The additional pair are Andy Lee, the Saracens stand-off half who mided Eastern Countries to their under-21 county championship success at Twickenham last weekend, and Adedayo Adebayo, the Bath centre.

Both players have important Both players have important chib commitments adjacent to the Hilversum match: Saracens play Wassa in the league that wedend in a match which could have a vital bearing on the championship while Bath, who also have a league match with Leicester to fulfil, will have their eyes on the Pilkington Cup final on May 5.

The team was selected after London had defeated the South and South-West 29-15 in an under-21 divisional match at the Stoop Memorial ground on Wednesday evening. Thompson Size Captained Loudon but back, needs to maintain his against the Dutch he will be recent sequence of 18 points a inst the Dutch he will be happy to join forces once more with Phil de Glanville, David

SIX of those who played in the Bucharest against Romania a Bucharest against Romania a year ago.

The two forwards who survive from that 54-13 triumph are Matt Poole, the Leicester lock, and Neil Back, the Nottingham flanker who has enjoyed more senior games for his chib this season than he might have expected, as a consequence of injury to Gary Rees, the England flanker. I'm Rodber, the Northampton No. 8, is still qualified at this age level, even though he has won B status this season and goes with the senior England players to Rowigo for the match against an Italian President's XV on May 1.

Devid Sims, the No. 8 for the South-West in the senior divisional championship in visional championship in December, is chosen at lock alongside Poole. Elsewhere in the XV, there is considerable first-class club experience —

> will be delighted to see Neil Lyman at tight-head prop. ENGLAND UNDER-21 (v Neterbristle: W Riters (Richingham); D Beates (Bristo), P de Genrelle (Durman: University), G Theospean (Harlequins, capt), H Thomspean (Harlequins, capt), H Thomspean (Harlequins, capt), H Thomspean (Harlequins, Capt), H Captorrough (Internativ), S Design (Rossin Part), H Lysses (Kothermister, H Ashasta (Krall), M Partic (Lacasto), D State (Gloucester), M Beate (Mottingham), A Miller (Gloucester), H Beate (Mottingham), A Miller (Gloucester), L Reyle (Mottingham), H Sameser (Headinghy), J Looks (Carolin), H Sameser (Headinghy), J Looks (Carolin), H Sameser (Headinghy), J Looks (Carolin), E Pales (Loughborough University).

although Kidderminster, of the North Midlands first division,

With Brian Moore, the Engand and Bruish Isles hooker, and Roger Taylor, his club deputy, injured, Nottingham call upon John Hudson, of Loughborough Students, to play against Moseley at Beeston

match to break Dusty Hare's with Phil de Ganville, David
Essien and Harvey
Thomeycroft, all of whom games against Ballymena, toplayed in the back division in morrow, Gosforth and Bath.

Park, Clive Norting, the referee, gave his first and only penalty of the afternoon in the second minute of injury time. And that was because Alan Phillips, the home side's hooker, had loitered purposely and so obviously

would not, however, have been the first time. He had given no penalties in a junior match penalties in a junior match earlier that season. In any case, it is rare indeed that he ever goes into double figures. It is the kind of thing that gets up the noses of some, yet, in Saturday's Cup semi-final, he awarded 25.

A colleague also felt it a point worthy of remark. He, more experienced in the labyrinthine ways by which decisions come to be made, cast a scentical eve. to be made, cast a sceptical eye. Important decisions are to be made in the next year and will revolve around the World Cup. Referees, like players, have their eyes on the competition. Despite his pre-eminence in the



Had Norling a clean sheet it

criticism in the length of his tiny shorts or his permed curly locks of a couple of seasons ago, he or a couple or seasons ago, he finds only gradging acceptance among those who stalk the corridors of power.

An overwhelming feeling exists among them that he flouts the letter of the laws. The general drift of an obscure argument is that he cannot be refereeing the game properly if

there are so few penalties. There are so many referees who can only control a game through a systematic use of penalties; there are so many who distrust the sight of a flowing game. Penalties have suddenly come to mean that a man is in full control. Will Nothing and find perhaps that he has to go along with such a precept in order to corry favour with the order to corry favour with the did in the Wales-Scotland full control. Will Norling now

on the one side the laws of the game and, on the other, the laws according to Norling. But Norling's understanding of the laws is obviously acute, as is his smalleation of them. He rarely for example, largely from the failure to attend closely to the lineout, the phrase construction of the laws of the laws according to Norling. But the game. So that this season, arising largely from the failure to attend closely to the lineout, the phrase construction of the lineout of the laws according to Norling. But the laws is obviously acute, as is his small laws according to Norling. But the laws is obviously acute, as is his sample. application of them. He rarely awards a penalty, for example, for pushing, charging, shoulder-ing, binding with or in anyway holding another player at the lineout. Arguing that before a inscort. Arguing that betore a man can do any of these things, for which a penalty is awarded, he needs initially to have crossed the 20-inch clear space which is meant to separate the two lines, and for which only a free kick is awarded.

Clearly it is not the distributions

Clearly, it is not the distribu-tion of penalties which brings some kind of order to this unruly phase. All of his games are under such control that it came as a surprise to find that both of last Saturday's packs should want to indulge in a dustup in the second minute. It was soon all over, though, and was

eyes of player and speciator. There are those who now match and, to an extent, that who, quite often, can only find believe, flippantly, that there are between Scotland and England

Referee rescinds send-off decision

By Michael Austin

KEITH Griffiths, the London mystified.
"We do not know what Society referee, may have created rugby union history with an after-match statement that he happens next apart from written statements passing between those concerned in an attempt had rescinded his decision to send off Phil Bowman, the Rugby lock forward, in the game against Coventry at Webb Ellis Road on Wednesday. to clear Bowman's name. The picture should be clearer in a It was a brave thing for the referee to do, especially as he was being watched by an assessor. We hope the rescinded decision will be upheld by all

After the match, Guiffiths made an unreserved and unsolicited apology to Bowman and told Rugby, Coventry and Warwickshire officials present parties concerned and we have selected Bowman for the match that he had made an error. Bowman, a Warwickshire player, was ordered off after going into a maul with his head down when 25 minutes remained of a match which Rugby against Metropolitan Police on Saturday," he added. Steve Thomas, the Coventry captain and scrum half sent off for showing persistent dissent persistent beautiful for the persistent dissent persistent beautiful for the persistent beautif won 22-16. Roy Banchelor, a Rugby official, said yesterday.

The referee interpreted it initially as a head-built but spec-

tators and players were the season. Thomas had already been given a five-match suspension, spanning 16 days, by his club.

> • Ulster were on dawn patrol yesterday, flying out of Beifast's international airport at 7am for Paris and then on to the south of France for tomorrow's game against Côte Basque (George Ace writes).

Ballymena meet Leicester in their annual encounter at Eaton Park and this is always a match that provides an abundance of open rugby, while at Ormeau, NIFC entertain West of Scotland. In Munster it is cup semifand, in Munsier It is cup seam-final day with Shannon against Young Munster at Thomond Park, Limerick, and University College, Cork, vying with Dolphin at Mungrave Park, against Headingley, has been Park, Limerick, and University suspended for 30 days by the Warwickshire disciplinary committee and will miss the rest of Cork, for a place in the final.

closely to the lineout, the phrase "playing the referee" has entered the jargon of the game. If there has always been the understanding that teams play to the limits of the referee's ability, it has, by and large, been understated. But to encapsulate it in this way suddenly makes it appear legitimate.

To term a foul "professional" somehow made it user-friendly; cheating received approval behind the word "gamesmanship". Word-fencing in this way is but a communication of the professional to the communication of the professional transfers and the professional transfers are the professional transfers and the professional transfers are transfers and transfers are transfers are transfers and transfers are transfers and transfers are transfers and transfers are transfers are transfers are transfers and transfers are transfers are transfers are transfers and transfers are transfers are transfers are transfers are transfers are transfers and transfers are tr is but a step away from making sport less of a game, "Playing the referee" is an ugly and undesirable phrase and home unions have a responsibility in promoting only the best referees at international level so that such a phrase does not gain

The World Cup will be a testing time for rugby union, and the amborities will need to determine long beforehand exactly what sort of game they wish to promote. The referees have a vital role to play; standards need to be set. But in this year's five nations'

championship it was the weak-nesses that remained the abiding memory. The one outstanding highlight, however, was the maturing stature of Fred Howard who, with Norling forms a cornerstone of strength. But to spend time deprecating Norling, as some are still wont to do, is a great mistake. He remains the front runner in standards.

To avoid what many interpreted as a carve-up in the last World Cup in New Zealand, when the International Board panel chose Australian referees to start as well as finish the tournament, this time an independent panel will constitute

men, from within from the host

five countries, who have spent a large portion of their lives as rugby referees. Much is going to

depend on them.

Wanderers start the party rolling

THE Public School Wanderers. dinner but with a tour which takes them in a swathe through Belgium, The Netherlands, West Germany and, possibly, Italy. Sadly, the PSW are without a

president, after the death at the

turn of the year of Charles Burton, the journalist who helped found the club. His memory will be celebrated at a service at St Bride's, Fleet Street, London, on May 4. That same evening there will be a dinner at the Hilton hotel, attended by Wanderers past and present, and a reunion of as many club members as possible will be staged at Sunbury on May 6, when a PSW XV will play London Irish.

However, today's business sees a strong PSW side, includ-

WEST Park Bramhope, who

finals for the first time in their 32-year history and have ground advantage over Sheffield next Thursday (Michael Austin

The other match brings together Headingley, the holders, and Wakefield, the only other club to win the competition in

stand six divisions higher in the Comage Clubs Championship than West Park, who have already lifted the Yorkshire Shield, won promotion to north fied for next season's Pilkington

Penarth, following the Good who play their annual game against Penarth today, have kept pace with the times: they celebrate their golden jubilee next month, not only with a discrete but give a tour which a tour which the state of the same against Cardiff on Easter Satisfactory and the same against Penarth today, have against Penarth today, have kept pace with the times they call the same against Penarth today.

urday and Swansea on Monday. Floyd Steadman, the Saracens scrum half, will captain the PSW, who include in their ranks Bill Cakraft, the former Australian flanker who played for Oxford University in 1986 and 1987 and is now back in this country.
Steadman brings with him

two of his younger club col-leagues, Jason Leonard, the England B prop, and Ben Clarke, the England Sudents No. 8, both members of England's development squad. giand's Gevelophient Squad.
PUBLIC SCHOOL WANDERERS: M Wyst.
(Swensea); S Hunter (Ross)m Park), D
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F Steadman (Saracers); J Leonard
(Saracers), S Brain (Rugby), P Kennedy
(London Irish), W Galcast (Eastern Suburba), J Monteon (Bath), G Williams
(Bridgend), W Dunces (Malone), B Cligite
(Seracers).

West Park, a north Leeds

warded with 30 wins in 34

Brodleians 12-6 before beating

after qualifying on the away rule in a 10-10 draw at Beverley,

Wakefield struggled to beat Pontefract 19-14 this week and,

West Park to threaten Sheffield's ascendency

Roundhay.

eliminated Roundhay 11-3 on Wednesday, have reached the Whitbread Yorkshire Cup semiclub, play an adventurous 15-man game and have been rematches. To reach the semi-finals, they knocked out Wharfedale 18-14 at Threshfield, and elminiated Old writes).

the past seven years, at Kirkstall on Wednesday. Sheffield, like Roundhay,

Headingley edged past Harro-gate 19-14 in the final minutes

on Tuesday. Sheffield, who must travel again, followed a 19-9 win at Rotherham and a 22-18 victory at Halifax by defeating Otley 24-14 on Wednesday. QUARTER-FINALS: West Park Bramhope 11, Roundhay 3; Othry 14, Shaffield 24,

Ferguson's nightmare comes to an end



TO SUGGEST that Mark Robins saved Alex Ferguson's job in the same moment that he shot Manchester United into the FA Cup final might be an overstatement, but the relief on Ferguson's face afterwards told its own story. For once, the cliche was unavoidable - he looked, and sounded, like a man waking from a

Whatever doubts one has had about decisions he has taken in 31/2 years at Old Trafford, it was impossible not to wish him well as he admitted he had gone through every emotion during two long hours on Wednesday night in which Oldham Athletic extended United every step of the way in a

as drained as the players with its sheer intensity and drama.

"No, I've never felt such pressure, so much strain in a game," he admitted, "There was nothing like it at Aberdeen. At Aberdeen, I was on top of everything, I controlled everything at the club. But this club, this club..." and he shook his head, a gesture which said everything about United's troubled season on, and off, the pitch.

We will, of course, have to wait and see exactly what the club's first success under Ferguson will mean, for, on paper at least, United still need a few points to be completely free of relegation worries, and the manager insisted that thinking about Wembley would have to wait until that those points had been won.

concern about safety now, at least if United can again show the spirit which enabled them to finally overcome a side Ferguson, in the emotion of victory, described unequivocally as the best team United had played all season.

There was little doubt that, as on Sunday, Oldham had looked the better, smoother-running side, and with Royle, their manager, once again showing a boldness and tactical imagination few can rival, in some ways they had been the braver team too.

Yet that simply made United's sheer determination all the more significant and encouraging for Ferguson, whose own belief that the club needed rebuilding, however painful a process, has not wavered in the face of some fierce criticism. They, and he, have been

tested by almost unimaginable

"We didn't play well," he confessed, "but we fought and fought against the best side we've played all season. The players are so desperate to do well for Manchester United, they've been under tremendous pressure, and they felt the tension. But they've come through, and perhaps now that will take some of the pressure

If so, we will see whether Ferguson's analysis of what United needed was correct. Is getting to Wembley just papering over the cracks revealed more tellingly by the League season, or could it provide the confidence needed to turn a frighteningly expensive collection of players into a team to genuinely challenge

Certainly with Ince, who was perhaps United's best player over the four hours, emerging to dem-onstrate a touch and athleticism which would make him an exceilent foil to Robson and Webb, and Pallister overcoming a poor first game to again look a fine investment, they looked a better side than they have for most of the season, some poor final balls and doubts about Hughes and Wallace

as a front pair notwithstanding. That owed something to the display of Barrett, just one of Oldham's heroes, whom Ferguson praised so effusively. On Sunday, he had said they were the best side in the second division: now he went further, but could he really mean they were better even than Liverpool? It seemed he did. "They are a tremendous side.

They are so quick, they never let

play. You are fully extended all the time, and what other side would play with just one centre half against us? Would Liverpool?" The question was clearly Bonus as Fal

rare

"I thought when we went one-up, we might have been able to settle and play a bit, put our foot on the ball, but we didn't. Perhans we were unsettled by them playing five men up when they went

The result of that tactical switch by Joe Royle, rewartled deservedly with the equalizer to McClair's opening effort, was that Bryan Robson dropped back to make another centre half. A second division side can rarely have been paid such a tribute, but it was one which was richly deserved.

Unexpected chance for Dixon to win an England place

By Stuart Jones Football Correspondent

LEE Dixon, Arsenal's 26-yearold right back, has been propelled into consideration for England's World Cup squad to be announced in five weeks' time. Because the three other rivals for the position are unavailable, the part-time member of the B team is certain to make his senior debut against Czechoslovakia at Wembley on Wednesday

Stevens, the regular choice, and Snodin, who replaced Dixon at half-time during last month's B international in the Republic of Ireland, are injured. Parker remains the uncharacteristic ill-discipline, he also ruled himself out of

Sent off for the first time in his career on Wednesday is usually as disciplined as his night, the captain of Queen's Park Rangers has provoked record has otherwise been the displeasure of Bobby Rob-exemplary, the one blot has son, who would doubtless allowed Dixon to stake a have picked him against Czechoslovakia. Under the as the understudy for Stevens, Football Association's disci- who is not certain to return for plinary rules, any player serv- the match against Denmark ing a domestic suspension cannot represent his country.

start on April 25, the day of down indelibly on the probthe fixture at Wembley. He able team sheet and he, like has, therefore, paid the pen- the other 20 members of the alty of being demoted, as was party, must still avoid injury earlier this season, and will schedule. Even England's play instead in the B inter- most experienced reprenational at Roker Park the sentatives may not be in the 22, he is a very good player previous evening.

"It was foolhardy of him," the chance of another cap, and and captain should win their come.

is unfair

say Palace

By Dennis Signy

ALTHOUGH the Football Association will not make a

formal announcement on the allocation of tickets to the FA

Cup finalists until Tuesday, the

likelihood remains that

following.

Before the Manchester club

beat Oldham Athletic in their

semi-final replay, it was sug-

gested that they would receive 26,000 and Palace 14,000. If

Oldham had won through, both sides would have received

David Bloomfield, the press

officer at Lancaster Gate, said

esterday that the allocation was

likely to be based on average

attendances over the past three years — 39,000 at Old Trafford

Park. Because of the geography of Wembley any variation from 20,000 apiece had to be 6,000 in

20,000 aptece had to be 0,000 in favour of one club. Not surprisingly, Ron Noades, the Crystal Palace chairman, is indignant and has

FA, saying that such an allocation would give United a "to-tally unfair" advantage.

ENGLAND A (v Czechoslovalda, April 25):
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ENGLAND B (v Czechoslovakia, April 24):
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he must have known that. I'm angry because it is the wrong probable reserve in Italy this time for him and for us. He summer but, in a moment of must learn not to retaliate. You cannot do that in the World Cup."

Yet Bobby Robson recognizes that Parker's conduct defensive work. Although his exemplary, the one blot has belated and unforeseen claim on May 15.

The name of Dixon is one of Parker's ban is scheduled to the few which can be written

Ticket plan Rosenthal secures

thal, the Israeli international forward, from Standard Liège,

of Belgium, to Liverpool, is now almost certain to be made

permanent at the end of the

Rosenthal's ability to adapt to

English football were dispelled on Wednesday night when he marked his first full senior game

for the Merseyside club by scoring three times in the 4-0 win over Charlton Athletic at

Rosenthal is on loan at

Anfield until May 15, but the

two clubs have already agreed a

provisional fee of £500,000. Although Liverpool will have to

obtain a work permit before Rosenthal can complete a full

transfer, they are not expecting any problems.

decide to make the deal perma-nent there would be no diffi-

culties because the Government had indicated a willingness to

grant Ronny a work permit

when he was on the verge of joining Luton Town earlier in the season," Peter Robinson,

"I am told that if we should

Manchester United will receive
12,000 more than Crystal Palace
because of the size of their
following.

Any fears which Kenny
Dalglish, the Liverpool manager, may have harboured about

an Anfield future

By Ian Ross

THE transfer of Ronny Rosen- Liverpool's chief executive.

tively. Shilton, who got a face wound during the last international against Brazil, is still shaken and Bryan Robson has yet fully to recover his fitness after his prolonged lay-off.

Nor are those the only doubts. Rocastle is also completing his recuperation, for instance, and Waddle may be required by Marseilles for a league fixture which could be decisive in the French championship. Daley, a new boy, and Steven, a comparative old boy, have been called in to fill the potential gaps on the right

Although Bobby Robson was given permission by Brian Clough to summon Hodge, Pearce and Walker, he may be reluctant to choose them. Four days later the trio will return to the national stadium to represent their club, Nottingham Forest, in the final of the Littlewoods Cup against Oldham Athletic.

One member of the Oldham side, which narrowly failed in midweek to reach the final of the FA Cup as well, would have gained international recognition had their programme not been so consted. Bobby Robson asked Joe Royle to release Barrett. the accomplished central defender, for the B match in

"He is another Walker," England's manager said. "He can take beodle out of the game because he's so quick and marks so tightly. At only either at the back or even in Bobby Robson will wait for midfield." Oldham's needs England's manager said yes- 10 days before deciding may be greater now, but terday. "He has thrown away whether his usual goalkeeper Barrett's turn will surely

"It would seem that much of

the spadework in that particular area has already been done and, hopefully, it would simply be a

case of us re-applying for the necessary documents along the same lines as Luton," he added.

Brendan Batson, assistant sec-retary of the Professional Footballers' Association, said that in order to receive the

necessary clearance, Liverpool would be required to prove that

Rosenthal was an "exceptional

submit an application to the Department of Employment and would have to fulfil the criteria necessary to get a work

permit. They have got to show that it is necessary to sign the player, that he is of good international pedigree and that

they have tried to recruit from within the domestic or EC

Liverpool's one fear is that if Rosenthal should continue to build upon the success which he has already achieved, Liège may

decide to increase, quite substantially, their initial asking

market," he said.

"Liverpool would have to



Oldham on the trail again

WEARY though they may be, Oldham Athletic will turn their attentions back to the fulfilment of what has always been their primary, if not sole, objective when they face Leeds United this lunchtime in a crucial second division game at Bound-

Just a little over 36 hours after Okham's attempt to reach the FA Cup final was ended in a semi-final replay at Maine Road, Manchester, the team must not only play the dithem if it is to have any realistic chance of reaching the end-ofseason play-offs.

Financially lucrative though Oldham's progress in two domestic cup competitions may have been since the turn of the year, the fixture congestion which has accompanied unparalleled and historic success has seriously damaged the club's prospects of winning promotion to the first division.

Although the Football League has granted Oldham a brief extension to their season, today's game marks the start of a punishing schedule of 10 matches in 25 days, including the Littlewoods Cup final against Nottingham Forest on April 29.

Earl Barrett, the club's promising young centre back, absolutely outstanding for us all had more reason than most to season. It is a great shame that a rue his club's backlog yesterday.

ASTON Villa effectively ended

Arsenal's hopes of retaining the League championship with a 1-0 win at Highbury on Wednesday,

when Chris Price, the full back, scored his first goal for the club

Graham Taylor, the Aston

Villa manager, was pleased by the patience of his players. "We

have got where we are by being a

tight team and scoring as we did against Arsenal. But the last two

or three weeks we have chased results rather stupidly," he said.

Arsenal, who were without Richardson, their midfield player, who is in hospital for

running and Campbell might have won a penalty when tack-led by Nielsen but stumbled on

Second division



A few hours after learning that his commanding performances in both semi-final games against United had won him an unexpected call-up to the England B squad for the game against Czechoslovakia at Roker Park, Sunderland, on April 24, he was

Barrett, who joined Oldham 11 months ago from Manchester City for £35,000, is required for a League game against Ports-mouth at Fratton Park on the

same date. "This call-up is no more than he deserves because he has been

Villa end Arsenal's faint title hope

By Walter Gammie

and shot weakly at Spink, the Villa goalkeeper.

Liverpool lead Villa by three

points, with a match in hand, after beating Charlton Athletic 4-0 at Selburst Park, with

Rosenthal, the Israeli inter-national forward, on loan from

the Belgian club, Standard Liège, scoring three goals on his first full appearance. Barnes scored the other Liverpool goal.

Rosenthal, who replaced the injured Rush, scored with a left-

foot shot, a right-foot shot and a header, and said: "I hope to sign for Liverpool permanently. Ev-

Charlton's hopes of pulling off

tion worsened when Manchester City won 3-1 at Queen's Park Rengers. The

Bracknell will probably be

issed the last three games with

torn medial ligaments in his

His team's one fitness con-

cern is nothing compared to

those of Manchester, who face

Sunderland with "six real

healthy players, two sort of

healthy and two very inexperi-

enced," according to Jeff Jones,

without Paul James, their de-posed England guard, who has

for Liverpool permanently. E-ery player I know wants that."

However, Bobby Robson, the England manager, has assured Royle that Barrett will be given another opportunity in which to impress before he names his squad for this summer's World Cup finals in Italy.

Somewhat predictably, Royle is faced by injury problems as he prepares for today's game. Ritchie (groin strain), Marshall (thigh strain) and Holden (ankle injury) are all rated as doubtful, with Adams, Bunn and Moulden on stand-by. "The cup run gave my players

the chance to prove that they can play at the highest level but now we must start all over again and perform in the League. Promotion is still our priority and it is still there for the taking Our semi-final defeat is now history," Royle said. Leeds, who have picked up

just two points from their last three games, are expected to field the side which was held to a draw by Plymouth Argyle at Home Park on Tuesday night. Today's game goes ahead despite Oldham's successful application to the Football

League to have it delayed until tomorrow afternoon to allow time for recovery.

Greater Manchester police,

after considering the request, refused to sanction an eleventh.

match was marred by bad fouls in the closing 20 minutes. Parker, the Queen's Park Rang-ers captain, and Megson, the City midfield player, were sent off Reid and White, of City, page

Maddix, of Rangers, were booked. Allen, Hendry and Ward scored City's goals and Wegerle scored for Rangers.

Newcastle United, for whom

Quinn scored his 34th goal of

the season in a 2-1 win over West Bromwich Albion, and West Ham United 4-1 winners

at home to Bournemouth, strengthened their claims to

second division play-off places.
Middleshrough were plunged into deeper trouble at the foot of the table after losing 3-2 at home

to Port Vale. In the fourth division, Maidstone beat Don-

caster 1-0 with a goal by Butler.

England hold off

By Mark Herbert

England Universities 1. Scotland Universities 0

AN OPPORTUNIST goal scored 17 minutes from time by Lewis, the Kent midfield player, earned England the British Universities Sports Federation Football Championship at Liverpool University yesterday. His was the only goal of a keenly Scotland at the end of the three-

Predictably, the sides, who qualified as leaders of their respective groups without drop-ping a point, began cautiously before the superiority of Allmark and Skivington, in attack, and Howarth and Calloway, their central defenders, enabled England to hold off their determined opponents.

The goal came as the Scottish defence tired. Skivington's long throw on the left was taken on by Allmark, and Lewis was allowed space to fire a low, leftfooted shot into the far corner from 15 yards.

The game opened up as the Scots pushed forward, moving Omberg from central defence to midfield. That ensured more possession but Milligan screwed

handball appeal in the penalty area was nimed down.

In the dying minutes, play see-sawed from end to end but England when Stewart saved with his legs, then shot badly wide after Reddin, his Loughborough colleague, had

opened up the weary defence.
The England Seconds finished third after a remarkable game. Trailing Oxford 3-0 at half-time, scored five times in 40 minutes and held on to win 5-4. Six players from the final were subsequently named in the Brit-

ish Universities' squad to play against the colleges and poly-technics in the Endsleigh trian-gular tournament at Loughborough next week.

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ENGLAND UNIVERSITIES: A Widowald (Latcastry; D Ab Jonath (Salord), in Prescott (Loughborough), R Callonsty (Keele), L Howarts (Loughborough), D Leads (Kent), K Gasser (Esset), B Williams, (Lancaster), If Skintaglov (Loughborough), P Alleask (Special), D Reddie (Loughborough), B Schizled, D Reddie (Loughborough), Especial), D Cortaba Haves (Glasgow); I irvine Sieriot-Watt), B Flessing (String), J Young (Dundes), If Omberg (String), J Fraser (Edinburgh), K Ettles (Harto-Watt), C Stater (Edinburgh; Sub: A Semchaz, String), A Allique (Stratchyde), A Chambers (Edinburgh), G Deverance (Edinburgh; Sub: A Johnson, Edinburgh).

FA to bring disrepute charge against Scot

GORDON Strachan, Leeds United's Scottish international United's Scottish international midfield player, has been charged by the Football Association with bringing the game into disrepute, following an incident immediately after Saturday's second division game against Bradford City at Elland Road.

Strachan was reported by the game's referee, John Martin, of Hampshire, for allegedly using foul and abusive language as he left the witch left the pitch.

A spokesman for the Football
Association said: "We have received the referee's report on the incident and have decided to charge Goodon Strachan with

bringing the game into discepute. We have written to the player, asking for his version

which to answer the change." Strachan could face a heavy fine or a period of suspension if he is found guilty of the charge.

• Chester are to issue £2 million-worth of new shares in a bid. to generate enough money to build a new ground in the city. The club is expected to leave its present premises at Scaland its present prem Road at the end of the season and its latest attempt to set up a ground sharing deal — with Widnes rugby league club— collapsed this week. Scaland Road is to be redevel-

oped by the supermarket chain, Morrison's, and the scheme to belp Chester find a new home was approved at an extraordinary general meeting yes-

SNOW REPORTS

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In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper, and art to artificial.

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with snowfalls at most levels. Storm lones
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BASKETBALL

Cadle's clear message for favoured Kingston

By Nicholas Harling

de Vientila

least of all basketball, is certain, will be the message from Kevin Cadle, the Kingston coach, when he attempts to put his players in the mood for the first semi-final of the Carlsberg championship play-offs against Bracknell Tigers at the NEC, Birmingham, tonight.

Kingston are the most successful team ever in England after a season in which they have collected four trophies. The fifth awaits them if they can dispose of Bracknell and then the winners of the other semifinal, between Sunderland and Manchester Giants, in the final

Bracknell in seven of the nine enced," acco

THE fact that nothing in sport, season, and by an embarrassing 27-point margin only 10 days ago. Since then, however, Bracknell have gained impressive victories over Manchester and Sunderland to concern Cadle. "We have got to be a little worried about those results going into our semi-final," he said yesterday.

Kingston have defeated

EQUESTRIANISM

German horse inspires Whitaker

From Jenny MacArthur, Dortmund said after his second win. "Now I think he's fantastic. He's so was worried at first that it was

MICHAEL Whitaker, who is riding like a man inspired, continued his domination of the non-World Cup classes here when he and his brilliant new German-bred borse, Henderson Gipfelstürmer, won yesterday's DAB class - a power and speed competition - less than 24 hours after a convincing win in Wednesday night's big jump-off class, the Nordshein Westfalen

For both classes, Olaf Petersen had set big, demanding tracks. In the power and speed competition, half of the 44 riders in the class, including Michael's older brother, John, on San Salvador, failed to reach

the second speed section. It posed little problem, however, for Gipfelsturmer, aged eight, a horse Whitaker started night ago.

I thought he was good when I first was the biggest course Whitaker sat on him," an elated Whitaker has jumped with the horse. He

Whitaker had originally gone to try the horse last October with Sir Philip Harris, the owner of his too horse, Henderson Monsanta, Sir Phil decided, on this occasion, that the asking price was too high and turned the horse down.

bonest, a real star."

Two months later, the horse's German owner, Friedhelm Saiger, rang Whitaker asking if he would like the ride on the horse. Whitaker's accepta was as instant as the rapport he then established. The pair finished second in

their first competition at Ant-werp in February, then had their first win in Gothenburg a fortnight ago.

too big for such a young horse, but Gipfelsturmer name means mountain run-ner quickly showed his class. Going first in the six-borse jump-off, he produced a masterly clear round in such a fast time that even the West German Olympic feam gold medal-sin-ner, Franke Sloothaak, on Optiebeurs Golo failed to catch

Whitalor, who is still hopeful that Sir Philip might buy the horse considers him grand mix material and hopes to take him to the Rome Nations Cup

OAB COMPETITION (power and specific.). Henderson Glolesticture (M Whiteler, GB) some 0 to 20.08sec; 2, Noopen (R-Y Bost, Fr), 0 in 20.54; 3, Paradia-136 JK Reinscher, WG), 0 in 20.80; NOTOPHISM WESTFALEN PRIZE. J., Flanciscook Globisticture (M Whiteler, GB), 0 in 36.06; 2, Onichenth Solt (F. Stocking, WG), 0 is 40.25; 2, WHEE 24 (F. Reinscher, WG), 0 in 41.48.

NICK Faldo yesterday began his second year as the Master reduce the number of events golfer by attempting to regain

bonus to have the Masters champion in the field, because Faldo is restricted to competing in only five US PGA Tour events after his resignation, along with Severiano Ballesteros and Bernhard

membership.
This followed US PGA: Tour policy board's rejection of a proposal to reduce the minimum number of US tour events that a non-American must enter to retain a player's card from 15 to 12. "We met several times with Deane Bernan, the US Tour commisioner, but we ended up heating our heads against a brick wall," Faldo said.

Greg Norman may have madvertently sabotaged the European cause, because he was questioned by members of the policy board as to what his decision would be if non-Americans had their commitment officially reduced.
"Larry Mize and John

Mahaffey asked me what I would do if the number was dropped to 12," Norman, who won the Heritage Classic here in 1988, said. "I said I would play more on the European Tour. I love it over there. his chibs. "I think they can erations, such as there being

in which he played in the the MCI Heritage Classic United States to 12 might which he last won in 1984 here have been a contributing facon the Harbour Town course. tor, although Faldo thought For the sponsors, not to that the Australian could have mention the speciators, it is a had a positive effect on their

"Greg would have helped by being present at the meetings we had with Beman and identity," Faldo said.

Norman, however, said: "If from Tour Nick, Seve or any of the other players had asked me to attend the meetings they had with Deane at the US Open, I would have gone, but I was not asked I cannot agree with Nick on the Australian identity bit. I'm Australian through and through, but our Tour is five weeks long, the European Tour is 30 to 40

> "Look, I've stuck up for Nick and company. You ask 70 to 80 per cent of the guys playing out here and, like me. they would love it if the Europeans played more over here. The sponsors want them, the speciators want them, and there is no question that it would make sense if they played more here, because in overall terms, taking into account conditions, practice facilities and the like, every-

thing is better. Faldo regards the best way to tackle the issue now is with speak londer for our cause than any words," he said. "I

The fear that Norman might American policy board down with our golf. We've tried over the table, it didn't work. It would help if, as Tom Watson has suggested, they at least took the view that a winner of a major championship should be entitled to play where and when he wanted

The problem is that many of the leading American golfers appear to agree with the decision reached by Beman and the isolationist policy board on which only two winners of major champion-ships — Mahaffey and Mize —

"I think the decision that Nick and the others took was unfortunate," Tom Kite, who has won more money on the US Tour than any other player, said. "There is a lot of politics and emotion attached to the issue, and I don't know if there is a right or a wrong. "But I do know that it

mages the players more than it damages the Tour for them not to play here. I don't think them not playing here so much has had an adverse The next meeting of the

policy board will be during the US Open in June. "There is at the moment no reason for the because there is no new proposal," Dave Lancer, a okesman for the PGA Tour, said. "I suspect there are people attempting to find a solution that would appeare all parties, but right now we are back on the drawing board."

Drawing blood out Easy win of an Irish stone

immortal two-iron memory.

of making up a one-shot deficit with Rafferty only one stroke further back. A angry scar on Broadhurst's left wrist is a

From John Hennessy, Cannes

here; last year's winner of the Cames Open is here; this week's winner is here, naturally. But whereas the first two are readily identifiable — Vijay Singh, of Fiji, and Paul Broadhurst, of Walsall, respectively—the third is the needle embedded in a haystack of 144 players, all seeking the £50,000 first prize.

The man of the moment would appear to be Roman Rafferty after his encouraging first appearance in the Masters last week. It is not, though, a subject he wishes to dwell upon: "I have had it up to here [moustache high] with interviews about the Masters," he said.

the Press is concerned. He is occasionally fulsomely hos-pitable to an individual in-

quier, especially if the conver-sation strays to the subject of vintage wine, but put him in only as half-crowded press con-ference and he is defensively ill

The relaxed communicator chatting to millions of television viewers from Augusta is another man altogether. The blood one was able to squeeze out of this hish stone yesterday told us hish stone yesterday told us high the way and the first them. game was getting there "very slowly." He was not worried about any

particular club because he was hitting them all "bad". Jet lag had been no problem because that happens only when he goes as far as Australia.

Behind all this shadow box-

ing, surely, is a desire not to exert pressure on himself by holding out glowing possibil-ities. But a man who can finish in the top 15 in his first Masters is clearly someone to be reck-oned with here, where the opposition is, of course, much less formidable. gainst Sol

Rafferty arrived from the United States on Tuesday, and another reluctant drop of blood informed us that he had had two good mights' sleep. One way and

Walker Cup is Clarke's first priority

AT A time when most talented young amateur golfers look starry-eyed to the prospect of turning professional, it is refreshing to come across a player, aged 21, with a plus four handicap, who takes the opposite view (a Special Correspondent writes).

pondent writes).

Darren Clarke epitomizes

- 6ft your modern sportsman — 6ft tail, with streaked blond hair, blue eyes and an awesome soling talent. He is ready-made for the European PGA tour, you might say might say. Yet, in the interests of trying

to win Walker Cup status at Portmaracck in 1991; he is happy to follow the British and Irish amateur circuits for the next two seasons, starting with the West of Ireland champ-ionship at Rosses Point, Sligo,

la order to play, Ulsterprodigy Clarke, from the Dungannon club, has turned down an invitation to tour in Zimbahwe with his province. For that reason, Garth McGimpsey, and others, will be

absent at Sigo.
Claric's explanation to stay at home underlines his carefully-planned career path which will, inevitably, lead him to the professional ranks. "I want to win titles and impress selectors, so that I can stay in the Irish team and keep on track for Possible selection on the British and Irish Walker Cup team for 1991. That is my tanget before I consider turning pro," he



"WHAT a way to finish," said Ted Harker happily after watch-ing his son, Tom, sink a 20ft putt for a birdie two on the 12th green at West Hill yesterday. It gave the Sunningdale pair a 7 and 6 victory over David Horne, of Edgbaston, and his son, James, of Bearsted, in the final of the father and son foursomes.

David had once previously reached the quarter-finals with another of his sons, Andrew,

another, he shuld be the man to beat here, slong with Mark O'Mears, of the United States, and Isn Woosnam, though the field includes four other memand the Harkers had twice been beaten semi-finalists. This was not a great final, for the unfortunate Hornes could do little right. From the moment David's opening drive kicked left off the firm first farway, and his son's recovery left David in a bers of last year's Ryder Copteam in Gordon Brand jun, and Christy O'Connor jun, of Last year Broadhurst was providentially spared what might have been a harrowing last day by torrential rain. This denied three players the chance

his son's recovery left David in a difficult place on the edge of the heather, the Sunningdale pair seemed to have the edge.

Indeed, apart from the loss of the third, where Tom's excellent from to the green trickled through into the trees, they did not forfeit a bole. However, James said philosophically: "If, on the first moraing, you had offered me a 7 and 6 defeat in the final, I would have gladly accepted it."

The Harkers played high-class golf in their moraing semi-final. They started with a par four, then Tom sank a: 30ft put for a birdie three at the 377-yard

reminder of an operation for a trapped nerve last September, which more or less confined him to the clubhouse for four months.

All that, he now says, is in the past. What he is now looking for is a golf surgeon to repair his swing. "I am almost playing well," he said cautiously. "But I keep blocking the ball with my driver and three-iron." A noreturn in yesterday's pro-am was an unhappy orner. birdie three at the 377-yard second and knocked a six-iron shot a foot away from the hole at the 454-yard third where they recorded another birdle three. They needed only 12 putts for the first 10 holes, and it was no was an unhappy omen. Singh is this week discarding surprise that such a performance proved too much for the

his metal driver, and with it 20 yards of length in favour of his wood, to achieve greater Tandridge pair Tony and Gary Skivington. SKIVINGIONREBULTS: Fifth round: E and T H Harter
(Sunningidale) bt B and K L Sharp
(Branley/Malkina Bank) 3 and 2; A J and
G P Strington (Tandridge) bt R S and S J
Cox (Walkin Heath) 2 holes; D P and J
Home (Edgbaston/Bearsed) bt G B and I
A White (Faulier) Wood 2 and 1; R W and A
J Stover (Burnill) bt B H and J H Smart
(Guidford) 2 and 1. Sewi-Staste: E and T H
Harter bt A J and S P Strivingion 8 and 8;
D P and J Home bt R W and A J Glover 2
and 1. wood, to achieve greater accuracy.

• Vicente Fernandez, of Argentina, has been named Ritz Goifer of the Month for March-Fernandez, aged 43, won the Teneris: Open after a play-off with Mark Mouland to collect his first title since 1979, when he was PGA champion.

Millfield golfers find success is a real grind

mitheid school note as applicable to golf as it ever was to its original farming context—and a warning of the sort of grind all aspiring professionals must put themselves through should they wish to emulate the likes of Nick Faldo or Tony Leville and January descriptions.

Jacklin was clearly dem-onstrated yesterday.

Jacklin's younger son, War-ren, who has got used to being designated thus and does not let it worry him - "It's inevitable,"

it worry him — "It's inevitable,"
— was one of many would-be professionals competing in the English national final of the Golf Foundation team championship at Robin Hood, in Solihull, yesterday.

Sporting a natty Panama hat, bought while waiting for his sister to choose her hat for a visit to Buckingham Palace, and a pair of owlish spectacles, Jacklin had a double bogsy six at the last as he struggled to a round of 80, eight over par, and he and his Millifield team did not figure in the top 10. They not and his minness ream did not figure in the top 10. They finished on 251 — 14 shots behind Hastingden High School, the runaway winness from Rossendale, in Lancashire.

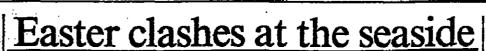
With three players in a team and each shot counting this is one of the most difficult and pressure-filled of formats. Jacklin admitted it was the first time he had played team stroke play and he had to cope with the added problems of doing a television interview before his

SUCCESS through grinding is round and meeting the Press a rough translation of the afterwards. The winners, at Millfield School motto — as least, were spared the worst of

Hashingdon had reached the English final and, next month, they will be playing in the international final over the New Course at St Andrews. Gary Morton and Matt Andrew, both aged 16 and with hopes of professional glory in the future, shot 74 and 77, while Mark Parsons, the team captain, shot 86. The respectability of the worst score is often what counts in this format but, in any case, Pacsons wants to be an

EADING SCORES: 237: Hastingdon High School, Rossandale (S. Morton 74, M. Andrew 77, M. Passons 89, 247; Southand High School for Boys (F. Weston 73, M. Wright Sc.), Taylor 80, 248; Brockenhust College, Hants (D. Skinsan 73, O. Groves 81; N. Langridge 83; Hanchiey Wood School, Surmy (S. Griffins 76, L. Cox 57, D. Griffins 30); St. Ansesin's College, Birlands (J. Asthusort 187, C. Thompson 81, D. Thompson 80; Basiny Grassinar School (J. Hudson 78, N. actly 84, J. Addy 86), 248; Merchant Taylor's School, High Weston 84, P. Michols 84, R. Pheestar 61); Ployal Grassinar School (J. Hudson 78, N. actly 84, J. Addy 86), 248; Merchant Taylor's School, High Wycombe (M. Wasser 78, J. Bionizam 82, M. Howell 88); Portsiade Community College, Stripton (S. Tgissky 78, L. Davidson 82, G. O'rlem 89, 238; Hrst High School, Ashington (J. Dent 83, C. Johnson 78, M. Faithain 89).

9 An England women's under-21 team consisting of Helen Dobson (Seacroft), Lora Fairclough (Chorley) and Alison MacDonald (Andover), won the Vilmorim Trophy at St. Cloud, in Paris, yesterday, finishing four shous ahead of France.





Solid rinoste: Shirli-Ann Siddall, of Dorset, the No. 1 seed, defends stoutly in the girls

BADMINTON

England figure rises to five

ENGLAND will have five singles players battling it out for medals in the European championships here today after Fiona Smith, the national champion, and Helen Troke, twice a former title holder, yesterday joined the three men's survivors from the day before at the quarter-final stage.

Smith, who overwhelmed

Smith, who overwhelmed Ciara Doheny, the Irish No. 1, 11-2, 11-3, and Troke, who fought hard to break down the resistance of Katrin Schmidt, the West German No. 1, by 12-11, 11-3, again face the rising Soviet challenge which scythed them down so quickly on the opening day of last month's All-England championships at Wembley.

Wembley. Smith, beaten on that occasion by Elena Rybkina, this morning has to play Irina Serova, one of three home players who have had the Mus- difficult situation well yes-

covites swigging the Solichnaya in celebration. The other is the tall, pale Vlada Chemiavskaya. whose state of trembling intensity while receiving serve is enough to distract any opponent into error.

match point down at 5-10 in the final game against Eline Coene, The Netherlands national champion, seeded fourth, who produced a service fault, an expletive and a startling col-lapse. Seven rallies later Cherniavskaya was the winner by 11-4, 4-11, 12-10.

It was Cherniavskaya who beat Troke at Wembley and it is the same player England's former European champion plays again today. "I am really look-ing forward to getting my own back," Troke, who handled a

She was game point down at against Schmidt, who beat Smith in the Uber Cup in Austria in February and who might have been a thorn in England's side once more had she denied Troke the confidence-creating first game.

Instead England has two hopeful women going into ac-tion alongside Darren Hall, Steve Butler and Steve Baddeley in the singles quarter finals.

RESULTS: Wesner's eingles: Second Present: P Nedergaard (Den) bt I. Wallborr (Swe), 11-5, 11-8; E Ryptions (USSR) bt I. Luis (Eng), 11-0, 8-11, 11-8; V. Chemyavkaya (USSR) bt E Coene (Nefn), 11-4, 4-11, 12-10; H. Troke (Eng) bt K Schmidt (WG), 12-11, 11-3; I Serow (USSR) bt M Borg (Swe), 11-1, 11-2; F Smith (Eng) bt C Ochseny (Ine), 11-2, 11-3, 12-10, 11-7; K Larsen (Den) bt J Muggenoga (Eng), 11-5, 12-10.

Hart's finishing touch defeats an old friend

His delivery was tense and he seemed, at times, to be suffering

psychologist, he found a cure over the last six ends, scoring

two singles, two threes and a four, against a lone single from

Hart said that he would not be eligible to defend his title next year. His club's singles championship was abandoned when the roof was blown off

RESULTS: Semi-finate: M Freeborn (Section) bt 5 Palmer (City of By), 21-15. Finat: R Hart (Essex County) bt Freeborn, 21-17. during the January gales.

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NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (NEA): Adards Hawks 105, Milesadae Bucks 54; Detroit Pietons 98, New Jersey Nets 93; Chicago Bulls 107, Cleveland Cavaliers 86.

BOXING

DEWEISHENT: Feetherweight (6 reds): Tony Sitistone (Leeds) bt Andrew Robinson (Sirmingham), ris. Light-heavy (6 reds): Mitchael Gale (Leeds) bt Teo Arrizz (Med.) pts. Mitdele (8 reds): Heavy Wherton (York) at Juan Sizondo (Med.) he 3rd; (10 reds): Heavy Graben (Shelfield) bt temes Negron (US), ko 3rd; (10 reds): Cony Booth (Shelfield) bt Mitchay Doscan (Newcastle), bts. Light (6 reds): Tony Booth (Shelfield) bt Mitchay Doscan (Newcastle), bts. James Jionz (Otley), pts.

BOWLS

COUNTY MATCH: Essex 105, Hertordshire 140; Cambridgeshire 100, Bediordshire 128.

PLECHE WALLONIES Spa to York, Bulgians: (128.5 noles); 1, M Algoreto (t), Sre 2 lenis; 2, J-C Laclariz; (f), at 3 anc; 3, Gart-len Thourisso (Nort), at 6; 4, M Induratio (So), at 10; 5, S Roots (Nort), at 14; 5, S Roots (Nort), at 14; 5, S Roots (Nort), at 15; 9, R Miller (Soot), at 37.

Right Mall. RACE: First steps, Bellion to Castellongus (S3 milles); 1, G Buster (BCF), 2rr 2 and 04sec; 2, J Harrison (SE Midlands); 3, K Kimmunga (RS Region FIC); 4, M Bustery (MG); 5, D Hourspor (SE Region FIC); 6, S Sprent (Iro), all 228:05.

FOR THE RECORD

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Without the assistance of a

from an attack of the yips.

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By David Rhys Jones

BOWLS

RICHARD Hart, who won the Bristol & West Building Society National Champion of Champions event at Thornbury, and partner, Freeborn maintained his form for the first two hours but Hart, the champion of the Mike Preeborn, whom he beat, 21-17, in the final yesterday, were introduced to bowls in Essex county club, Westcliff-on-Sea, overtook him Essex in 1972. They teamed up Hart's recovery was un-expected. He trailed 16-9 after 18 ends and appeared worried.

in the early Eighties, and, with Arthur Lockyer, won the Essex county indoor triples championship in 1984, 1985 and 1986. Freeborn skipped the triple: Hart led. Freeborn has since moved to Worlingham, in Suffolk, where he is a security officer with

British Telecom. He qualified for these championships as champion of the Beccies club, and played superbly on his way to the final.

Having allowed the former Parket of Section 1988.

England player, Bob Burch, of Exmouth, and John Kenton, of Egham, only 14 shots between them on Wednesday, Freeborn pulled off a surprising 21-15 win in the semi-final, finishing too well for the favourite, Steve Palmer, a member of the Eng-

FOOTBALL

Widnesday right's late results
FA CUP SEEN-FRIAL REPLAY: Manchester
Lind 2, Others 1, sect score at 50 trins, 1-1).
BARCLAYS LEAGUE: First division: Amendo
0, Auton Vita 1; Cheston 0, Liverpool 4; GPR
1, Manchaster City 3.
Second division: Middlesbrough 2, Pot Vale
3. Necosatio 2, Weet Brownich Ablon 1;

Maldelona 1, Doncasser U.

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2, Bradford 1; Borthy 1, Lakester 3, Eventon 0,
Pools 2; Hythis 2, Wilsiag 0.
PONTING 1.EAGUE: Float divisions Coventry
2, Bradford 1; Burtly 1, Lakester 3, Eventon 0,
Motte Coronly 1; Leades 1, Aston Villa 5; Notion
Forcet 1, Shaff that 1, Half 1, Liverpool 2,
Boome Geldelons Backetpool 3, Preston 0,
Grinsby 1, Shaff Wed 1; Rotherteen 5, York 2;
Wiger 3, Mannelsd 0; Bernsley 2, Scurshope
1; Euring 0, Sanderson 2.

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GYENNEER PAPENS COMBINATION: Oxford

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Take NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE-First division: Darwin 0. Boots 2. GREAT NILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Cawadon 1, Tornington 0. WENDY FARE CAPITAL LEAGUE: Brastlord 0, Battel 1; Wolstopann 0, Geltighen 0; Southend 2, Actumbol 3, Southend 0; SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Brighton 0, Bristol Rowers 1. BITEMMATIGNAL MATCHES: Denmerk 1, Turkey 9 (Coppenhagent; Austria 3, Hungary 0 (Saltburg): East Germany 2, Egypt 0 (East Burley; Vegoslants 0, Imby 0 (Zagruc); Alparia 1, Swetch 1 (Vegiora).

taly O. WEST GERMAN LEAGUE First division: December Frankly ().

MATION: Oxford outh 3, Fulhant 0;

ORIENTEERING

E European challenge is the greatest

THREE and a half thousand orienteers converge on Perth this weekend for the most cosmopolitan TSB Jan Kjellstrom Easter festival to date (a Special Correspondent

Still more Scandinavians are

as its most recent signing, plus exiles Colin McIntyre and Steve Palmer, must surely start as favourites in Monday's relay. But Swedes, Australians and Norwegians apart it is Helmut Conrad and his daughter Brit, aged 13, from Dresden, 26 Estonians and Vladimir Alexeev, twice the Soviet cham-pion, and three Leningrad team mates which suggest that recent East European political changes herald developments.

ICE HOCKEY

Leafs 4, St Louis Brann 2 (comm veno 2-), sorythe division: Los Aogenes (longs 12, Calgary Flames 4 (Kings tend 3-1); Winnipeg Jets 4, Edmonton Obert 3 (Jets land 3-1), WITEPHARTONEL MATCH: West Gentamy 1, United States 0 (Augeburg).

MOTOR RACING

MOTOR RALLYING

NASROSE SAFARE RALLY: First stage: 1, B Wardegeard (Sweden, Toyota Celles), 42min 11anc; 2, M Ericason (Swe, Toyota Celles), 4256; 3, 1 Durcen (Ken, Bubern Lagrey), 4521; 4, J Harmer-Hayes (Ken, Subern Lagary), 4540; 5, A Fiori (E, Lancis Delta), 50:14; 6, M Blaston (E, Lancis Delta), 51:17.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STORES BITTER CHAMPIONEMP. Second division: Devribury 3, Hull KR 2.
SLALOM LAGER ALLMACE: First division: Featherstone Rovers 28, Leeds 22; Oldman 58, Swinton 4; Wakefield Trinky 20, Braction

SPEEDWAY

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Wimbledon

Still more Scandinavians are here to temper their winterrusted skills in preparation for the World Cup season ahead. Hakan Ericsson, of Sweden, is back to defend the title he snatched from Steve Hale, the British champion, last year when the Perth man limped home with a torn shoe.

OK TVP his club with Hale OK TYR, his club, with Hale

The only danger to Hounslow

Hauck, Woods and Sutton. Much, however, will depend on Hounslow led 6-0 at half-time what England do against West

having forced eight short cor-ners in the first half, two of which were converted. They had 10 of these awards in the second period but converted only one.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Cross Keys 38, HM Prison Service 4; Ebbw Vals 20, Cardiff 13; Lienald 87, Massing 15; Rugby 22, Coventry 16; DURSHAM CUP: Basel-Gaste: Hartispool Rovers 24, Horden 0; Durham City 38, Ryton HUMBERLAND CUP: Semi-first: Northem 12, Tynedale 6. TOUR MATCH: Varbes President's XV 14, Belaize Park 21 (in Buenos Aires).

SQUASH RACKETS

SOUTH MELFORD: Yorkshire Cup Smit.

STARLEY CEP-Play-olfs, first round (best of seven saries): Petrick Divisions New York Pargers 6, New York Branders 1 (François lead best-of-oewen sades 3-1): Westingson Carates 3, New Jersey Deskir 1 (sevel at 2-2). Adaess Division: Boson Bruins 6, Hartford Westers 5 (level at 2-2): Soffield Sabres 4, Montrott Caratelens 2 (level at 2-2). Nextis division: Minnedots North Stars 4, Chicago Black Helman 6, Sevel at 2-2; Cromb Maybe Leafs 4, St Louis Blace 2 (Daes lead 3-1). Somythe Givision: Long 10, Appendix Ninos 12. AMELIA SELAND, Florida: Women's tournément, Second royant: H Keled (Clin) bt M
Pize (Art), 6-3, 6-4; B Fulco (Art) w/o L
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(US), 6-1, 6-1: C Carverzanio (Switz) bt L
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Fisher (US), 6-4, 6-2. Third mounts: S Grant (WG)
bt A Technover (Flum, 6-0, 6-1.
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(Arg) bt J Schenzez (Sp), 6-3, 3-9, 5-3; S
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Struguers (Sp) bt M Such (Jaustina), 6-2, 6-3; S
Sinchaz (Sp) w/o V Psicholomo (Fin); D Perez
(Uni) bt A Maccini (Art), 6-4, 6-1; A Gomes
(Equ) bt G Lopez (Sp), 6-1, 6-4; A Chesnokov
(RUSSR) bt C Cootes (Sp), 6-4, 6-4; A Chesnokov
(RUSSR) bt C Cootes (Sp), 6-4, 6-5; G Perez
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Wheldon's plans

KEN Wheldon, the managing director of Birmingham City football club, who was credited with saving the club from closing in the mid-80s, is expected to leave St Andrews in

Langdon's ban

THE Carmarthen centre, Nigel Langdon, has been suspended for 32 weeks by the Welsh Rugby Union after pushing the referee and being sent off in a West Wales league match against Kidwelly.

Wigan's season

When Monie came from Austra-lia to take on the toughest job in rugby league, everyone ques-tioned his ability to follow Lowe. Monie has faced injury problems — including what could have proved the demoralising four-month loss of Ellery Hanley, and nagging inju-ries to Andy Gregory and Joe Lydon - plus long suspensions for Dean Bell and Ian Lucas, with determination matched by refusal to complain or make

on at Wembley, in a fortnight's excuses.

To understand the attitude of emotional weakness came after the Cup semi-final victory over St Helens, "I've taken them to Wembley, like Graham Lowe did. Now I have to lead them to Wigan.

He took over from the the championship before the impressively successful Graham fans will accept that I have Lowe, who steered Wigan to 10 proved myself."

Wigan will go all out to snatch

fixture against Featherstone Rovers, who are still in remote

danger of relegation, and who won at Headingley last season.

If Leeds are upset by Featherstone, Wigan can still take the championship, even in

defeat at St Helens.

Wigan are set for an agonizing wait

RUGBY LEAGUE

Shadow of Lowe

still hangs over

By Keith Macklin
WHILE everybody at Central
Park was jumping for joy,
following the midweek victory
over Leeds, Wigan's Australian
coach, John Monie, allowed

himself no more display of emotion than a quiet half smile. Monie is not, by any stretch of

the imagination, an extrovert.

As the television cameras whirred in the Central Park

dressing room after Tuesday's hard-won victory, which took Wigan to within one point of the

Stones Bitter championship, Monie shuffled uncomfortably

and said in answer to

questions."We haven't won it

yet. There are two matches left,

and anything can happen. Leeds can still catch us."

finally pop at Wigan, Monie may allow himself a sip, before

telling his players to get down to the task of preparing for the next challenge, the Silk Cut Chall-enge Cup final, against Warring-ton at Wembley, in a fortnight's time.

the tacitum Monie, it is nec-essary to look at the background

of his appointment as coach at

When the champagne corks

ALTHOUGH Wigan stand prove to be a formidable line-up tantalizingly one point away from the championship, they capable of beating Wigan's patched-up squad. the necessary point to enable

may have a tense Easter week-end before clinching it.

They could not wish for a worse fixture than this after-noon's derby match at St Hel-ens. This is always a full-blocked battle whatever the them to breathe easily, but they may have to wait for another derby game, against Leigh on Easter Monday, before they can blooded battle, whatever the respective league positions, and Wigan may have to wait until Monday to get the necessary However, there could be a twist in the Good Friday tale. Leeds, the only side who can catch Wigan, have a home

point.
The Saints are still smarting about their dismissal from the Challenge Cup in that dramatic semi-final, when a late moment of inspiration from Hanky sank them as they were preparing for a well-deserved replay. They will be looking for revenge today before an all-ticket crowd, and Wigan are unusually pessimistic

about the outcome Maurice Lindsay, the Wigan chairman, points out that his team will be without the injured Lydon, Iro, Shelford, Edwards, and Gregory, and will have

Hanley yet again driving himself through the pain barrier with his troublesome pelvic injury. By contrast, the Saints, who have themselves suffered of late through injuries, expect the return of Connolly, Holding, and Haggerty in what may yet

deteat at St Helens.

Elsewhere, the battle is on for premiership play-off places in both divisions, with other traditional, and important, derby matches in Warrington v Widnes and Bradford Northern v Wakefield Trinity.

In the second division, Hull Kineston Rosers are well on

Kingston Rovers are well on course for the title, but they may have a difficult game at Ryedale York. Oldham, who are pursuing Rovers without a great deal of expectation, themselves have a difficult derby fixture at Swinton.

HOCKEY

Hounslow's goal spree is led by Thompson

By Sydney Friskin

tall scores in European competition yesterday, Robert Thompson scoring seven in Thompson scoring seven in hopes alive in the same pool with a 5-1 win over the Swiss Ratweiss Wettingen. Praga, Czechoslovakia, in the qualifying tournament for the England achieved handsome

Germany today.

In the under-16 tournament,

England defeated Scotland 5-1.

short corners with Alexander from a penalty stroke, Bell, and

Couves adding to the score. Cooke replied for Scotland after

they had conceded five goals.

RESULTS: Statigent: European Cup Win-ners Cup: Pool A: Rickers Statigent 5, Tenstx (Sweden) 0; Benbridge 5, Rotwess Wettingen (Swetzerland) 1. Pool B: Hourslow 14, Prega (Czechoslovaka) D. GROWINGEN (Heitherkands: Inter-national Schoolboys Tournament: Under-16: England 5, Scotland 1, Under-18: England 11, Belglum 0.

Walker scoring two goals from

European Cup Winners' Cup. Three of Thompson's goals were obtained from short corschoolboys tournament in Gro-ningen, William Waugh ners. Hacker scored two and Grimley added two, one from a converting four short corners in their 11-0 victory over Belginm penalty stroke, with Gordon, Rose, and Ferns contributing at under-18 level. The remain-ing scorers were Nicklin (4),

The Hounslow manager, Keith Rowe, said that the match became too one-sided to have much appeal. Purvis, in goal, touched the ball only twice, and that was to bring it in from out

in Pool B appears to be the Racing Club of France, who they do not meet until Sunday. The home side, Kickers Stuttgart,

IN BRIEF

Marathon man out PAUL Davies-Hale, the main

British hope in the ADT London Marathon on Sunday week, has been forced to with-draw because of a trapped nerve in his back. The 28-year-old winner of the Chicago Marathon last October has been ordered to take a complete rest.

Lock banned Ian Brown, Maesteg's Welsh B

weeks by the Welsh Rugby Union after being sent off for 'stamping' against London Welsh in March.

Boxer critical Rocky Graziano, aged 69, a former world middleweight

boxing champion, is in a criticial condition in a New York hospital after a stroke Cricket bait

Sussex are being offered an extra

£8,000 by their sponsors, Rud-

dles, the brewers, if they win the county cricket championship for the first time, or finish

Butler first Gethin Butler, of the British the opening 63-mile stage of the International Northern Ireland Milk Race from Belfast to Carrickfergus.

Barnes

have a coloning influence.

Richards took him on in a

demented over in which he

scored 18 rops and might have

been out three times. After

that he kept himself at the

opposite end: apparently not

statements have become more

and more Stanley Unwinish

than ever. He makes powerful

statements, but it is some-

times hard to be sure exactly

what he is being powerful

statements about Afro-Carib-

bean excellence outraged all

the Indian and mixed race

He is now 38. Neither his

eye nor his temperament are

quite what they were in the

days of his posup, for all that

when the force is with him, as

Malcolm will tell you. He is

racked not only by the quirks

of his own nature, but by the

undignified complaint of

The end of Richards the

player cannot be that far away:

though you can bet he will

delay it as long as possible. There will be more fireworks

- of varying kinds - before it

Time is pretty merciless

stuff, and no group of people

know that better than athletes, There are, in fact, no im-

mortals, not even Richards: truth is unveiled by time, as

usual. What can an athlete, or

anyone else for that matter do

but rage against the dying of

But all the same, Richards,

eter since W G Grace, reminds:

me of no one as much as

the most truly colossal crick-

ali ends.

about. His miss

people of these islands.

Off the pitch his public

The strange but mortal antics

of a demi-god

THIS strange series seems to be getting stranger. Few things

could be stranger than England's entry into this final match against West Indies on level terms and actively look-

ing for victory. But, con-noisseurs of the bizarre can

find plenty to intrigue them in the behaviour of Vivian Rich-

ards. West Indies captain,

What do you mean, demi?

Recall the shoe advertisement

that featured Richards, bare-

chested and sneering against

an equally moody and

magnificent sky. It was the

apotheosis of Viv. the caption

read "Also available for

He stands here on his home

ground in Antigna, the overweening pride and self-belief still running as strong as

ever. But his behaviour and

his leadership get more extraordinary day by day. His

performance in the last Test

As captain in the field, he

balances fits of wildly, almost

unendurably pumped-up

hyperactivity with long spells of remoteness, silent and with-drawn at first slip. He caused a

major incident with his maniacal finger-flicking

charge on the umpire, an

outburst that exploded into a

controversy that will run and

run. But he also came close to

letting England draw the

match as Russell and Smith

lulled the game into inertia,

It took an unplayable

shooter to account for Russell

and to spark Richards back to

the opposite extreme. Nothing

by halves with him: he is

either way over the top or

mentally absent. He is either

pounding his fist into his palm

again and again and again,

yelling at his bowlers and

roaring invective at his

wicketkeeper, or he is silent,

him out" were never going to

patting back ball after ball.

was quite remarkable.

totem and demi-god.

Lamb adopts bold approach

From Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent, Antigua

man who lead England from the euphoric edge of glory to responded yesterday with a decision which declared all such negative thoughts

Lamb chose to bat first on winning the toss in this match to decide the series. He did so in the knowledge that the pitch would be at its liveliest early on but with the conviction that it represented England's best chance of winning. His batsmen then worked assiduously to vindicate the acting captain's judgement on a first day of

vital importance. Faithful to the pattern of weather on this tour, torrential rain fell overnight but the Recreation Ground survived it and play began on time before a surprisingly modest

Neither side put out their optimum eleven. For the West just missed off stump. Indies, the absence of Marshall, with his fourth separate injury of the winter, not only raised the suspicion that a years, but also revived the career of Baptiste, who had grandstand, not played a Test for six years. That was

who went through the same undergone in Barbados, with selectors, reluctantly in at least leave an unchanged team but ethnic backcloth. Lambe altered one thing from the previous game when he

On the face of it, it was reckless and the incongruous celebrations of the Antiguan groundstaff, stationed close to Lamb when he announced his verdict, was a good enough guide to the fact that the captains need not have bothered to toss at all.

But if Richards was happy to bowl, on a pitch produced by Andy Roberts with bounce the priority, Lamb reasoned that it could turn out to be the best time to bat in the match if only England could negotiate

the first hour. They so nearly succeeded. The drinks trolley was poised on the boundary, ready for the first break of the day, when Stewart was the first man out. He had batted in positive man who looked so hammood, assaulting anything strung by negative thoughts on loose with the full swing of the the final day in Barbados. bat. Occasionally he still looks awkward against the short the start, he scored 26 of 42 ball, Ambrose once getting added in seven overs before him in an ungainly tangle but Bailey cut unwisely at Bishop

ALLAN Lamb, faced with the on the quick bowlers, rather unfair prospect of being the than allowing them to dictate the terms, has rescued his tour

> Worryingly, he was out here in exactly the same way he fell in both innings in Barbados, driving without due attention and edging to first slip. Richards, the catcher on all three occasions, this time juggled with the ball before closing his hands on it, and confined his celebrations to something more circumspect than the routine which caused offence and controversy in Barbados.

> The successful bowler was Walsh whose omission from the previous game gave rise to some of the inter-island accusations which used to be the staple diet of West Indian cricket. He took Stewart's wicket in his second over and might immediately have fol-lowed it with that of Bailey, who clearly lost sight of a slower yorker which somehow

David Gower recalls that, in 1981, Colin Croft caused similar problems here by bowling wide of the crease from the great fast bowler is feeling his pavilion end, his hand merging with the red girders of the

That was the first Test England were again without played on this pocket-sized David Smith, discounted late ground, hemmed in by a on Wednesday, and Fraser prison on one side and a church on the other. There match-day fitness test he had have been subtle improvements since, but the feel of the similarly painful results. The place is unchanged, the sound of steel bands and the smell of one case, omitted Gower to fried food stalls a constant,

> against Walsh for a time, nudging a lifting ball just wide of short leg and edging close to Greenidge's dive at third slip. But the confidence he had begun to show in Barbados visibily returned once he had navigated past lunch.

Larkins, meanwhile, proceeding quietly. He failed to score in either innings of the Fourth Test, just as Bailey had in the third, so it was reassuring for them both to share a sizeable and important stand.

It produced 59 runs in precisely two hours before Larkins, pushing at a ball of immaculate length and line from Ambrose, edged it low to second slip, where Hooper capably took the catch.

This brought in Lamb himself, a different Lamb from the

Attacking selectively from his conscious decision to take and was caught behind.

Prize-money increases

The Britannic Assurance £102,750, compares with county championship prize-fund will exceed £100,000 for in 1984 — the first year of the the first time this summer, with the winners' share rising to £40,000.If Worcestershire £3,000 better off than after placed team receiving winning last year. The total of £11,500, the fourth £5,750

company's sponsorship. The runners-up will collect £20,000, compared with retain the title, they will be £18,500 last year, the third-



.End of Stewart: the England opening batsman turns to see his edged drive safely grasped by Richards at slip

SCOREBOARD FROM ANTIGUA

ENGLAND won toss

First Innings W Larkins c Hooper b Ambrose A J Stewart C Richards b Watsh R J Betley c Dujon b Bishop "A J Lamb not out

England

N Hussain, D J Capel, †R C Russell, P A DeFreitzs, G C Small, D E Malcolm to

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-42, 2-101, 3-149

Umpires: D Archer and A Weekes

motionless but for the steady Ozymandias, whose inscripchamping of the old granite tion on his collapsed statue reads, in Shelley's poem: "My name is Ozymana His batting has been just as king of kings. Look on my works, ye Mighty, and despair Nothing beside remains." odd. Well, hearing reports that Devon Malcolm, the England strike bowler, had "worked

Gower is sacrificed on altar of loyalty

ENGLAND yesterday came very close to sacrificing a had, after all, been omitted stated policy of loyalty in search of quality by selecting David Gower for the decisive final Test match.

The selectors, I understand, were seriously divided on the issue. Allan Lamb, the acting captain, wanted Gower in his team. Micky Stewart, the team manager, insisted it would be wrong for him to replace a fit member of the original party.

Gower, who has batted only twice since last summer, was asked on Wednesday evening if he felt properly prepared to

requirements before the Tyson-Bruno fight in Las

Vegas 14 months ago, when Bruno lost in the fifth round

after a courageous challenge. He has not fought since but

that performance has kept

following a lengthy debate, involving all three selectors, half an hour before the start of play. This fascinating sub-plot has its origins in Trinidad, where Graham Gooch ap-

proached Gower, then working alongside me for The Times, asking him to help out following his own hand injury. It was a move unlikely to gain the unequivocal support of Stewart, who had been instrumental in banishing Gower from the captaincy and

the tour team, last September.

Burton, after stealing inter-national match tickets from

him, was remanded on bail

Rothwell, aged 45, of

Cranham Lane, Churchdown,

Gloucester, who used to work

vesterday.

victory in ratings

"What's got to be remembered," a quietly jubilant BBC ratings to show whether they had lost bravely or suffered a

transmitted it at their request football. It is a nonsense to

by Paul Fox as showing "the their full quota of advertise-

most exciting sport I can ments in the programme -

remember in 40 years in with the clash only becoming

biting Grand National and the cies to revise their schedules.

demonstrated their contin- which must be well within the

ITV, who are waiting for the doubtedly be very unhappy,

uing role as a major player in bounds of possibility, then

Gower has subsequently argument and, it seems, perthis squad before, at short notice, he agreed to accompany the party to Antigua. As late as Wednesday morning, Stewart said that he would only play in an emergency caused by injury.

Lamb, it transpires, tried hard to persuade Stewart that England's prospects of winning this vital match, and the series, would be greater with Gower playing ahead of either Hussain or Bailey. Logically he was correct, but the principle of loyalty to a selected ied a wavenne Gooch

Dignified as ever, Gower was nevertheless visibly deflated. He said: "It was put to me last pight that I might play. I was very nervous about it because it would have been as much a samble for me as for the team. I am a bit disappointed, but I can well see their problem in dropping one of the regular guys."

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Gower's new county, Hampshire, conclude their pre-season tour in Barbados today and he aims to rejoin them for the flight home.

Watkins hits out at ban MIKE Watkins, the former philly to open the club's new

Wales and Newport captain, has hit out at the 36-week ban imposed by the Welsh Rugby Union on him after he was sent off in a celebratory game last month. Watkins, aged 38, who re-

years ago, was leading an Bowden took a dimmer view International XV at Caer- and sent him off.

extension, when he fell foul of referee Gwyn Bowden.

After a few 'words' with the Tafswell referee, Watkins tried to stuff the ball up his jersey in a prank which had Watkins, aged 38, who re- the crowd roaring-tired from senior rugby three Unfortuntely for Watkins,

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Sluman is back in spotlight

From a Correspondent Hilton Head Island South Carolina

JEFF Sluman, a former US PGA champion, yesterday enjoyed a rare appearance in the spotlight when he earned a share of the lead early in the first round of the MCI Heritage Classic here.

Sluman, whose 1988 US PGA victory remains his only tour success, took advantage of the perfect morning conditions to gather three birdies, an eagle and a bogey in the first 16 holes around the

Harbour Town course. His score was matched by Stephen Tate and Michael Hulbert, of the United States, who had played 13 and 11

holes respectively.

Sluman, aged 32, is perhaps the least-known winner of a big championship in the past decade. However, he put his mediocre form behind him to make the best start to a tournament for longer than he cares to remember.

Hulbert, who turns 32 tomorrow, reached the turn in five under par to lead the field, but he bogeyed the par-four 10th after missing the green and making a poor chip shot to fall back into a tie with Sluman and Tate.

Tate, aged 28, a three-times tour winner, birdied four of the first six holes

Nick Faldo, the Masters champion and Europe's lone representative, had a late tee time, as did Greg Norman, the man he is poised to overtake at the top of the Sony world rankings.

The best of the early finishers was Billy Andrade, aged 26, who fired an unblemished 68, three under par.

Astaire offers £3m for **Tyson-Bruno rematch** MIKE Tyson and Frank who completed the legal

Bruno are to be offered £3 million to fight at Wembley Stadium this summer.

Jarvis Astaire, the pro-moter, said that the 10-round heavyweight bout, pencilled in for Saturday, July 21, would be Tyson's first contest since his surprise world title defeat by James Buster' Douglas in

"I have spoken to Bruno's manager, Terry Lawless, and he is going to speak to Frank about it," Astaire said

"And I have asked James Binns, our lawyer in the United States, to pass the offer on to Tyson's lawyer, Robert

These were the two men

By Peter Ball

THE BBC's decision to screen

the FA Cup semi-final replay live on Wednesday against

ITV's The Match, made for a

riveting two hours television,

but both the networks and the

football authorities may de-

cide it is an experiment not to

In particular, ITV, who had

moved the Arsenal v Aston

Villa game from the Saturday,

only to find the BBC coming

up with a much more gripping

alternative at the last minute,

are likely to start talks to try to

prevent a recurrence, and the

Football League management

committee were asked yes-

terday to discuss the matter

with the Football Association.

Having undoubtedly won

the battle for viewers, even the

fact that the game went into

extra time playing into their

hands, the BBC were conced-

ing little yesterday.

be repeated.

guarantee. "It represents a great

Tyson obviously is a better opponent for Bruno than he was considered a year ago," Astaire said Bruno received about £2 million for his Las Vegas bout

spokesman said, "is that, in

our case, the dog is wagging

the tail, unlike the ITV con-

tract, where the tail wags the

or alter the kick-off time. The

FA said when it was to go out

and at what time, and we

as part of our public service

Following a weekend,

described in an internal memo

television", in which they had

both tense semi-finals, a nail-

US Masters golf champ-

ionship all shown live, the

BBC feel that they have clearly

commitment."

We didn't move the fixture

intact his lofty status with the for Burton's sports manage ment company, is charged with breaking into the firm's offices and stealing a Chubb Astaire said Tyson would be offered a £2 million guarantee and Bruno a £1 million wall safe containing a quantity of tickets for the match between England and Wales. He

opportunity for Bruno to crash straight back in because

is also charged with making an unwarranted demand with menaces for £100,000 from Burton for the return of the

At a previous hearing, when

defeat of landslide propor-

tions, were less happy. "Two

sets of viewers were upset,"

grumbled the ITV spokesman.

choose between two matches

they wanted to see, and non-

football fans, who found both

major channels given over to

have two key games screened

For ITV, of course, the stakes are higher. They had

apparent at such short notice,

there was little time for agen-

However, if the usual audi-

ence of over seven million for

The Match is reduced to half,

their advertisers will un-

live simultaneously."

Football fans, who had to

Jon Holmes, the solicitor for the defence, then told the used his inside knowledge of court that Mr Rothwell the firm's security system to wanted to expose what he described as the illicit sale of international tickets and initiate an inquiry.

Holmes said: "This has implications far beyond Alan Rothwell. We are opening a massive can of worms. My client feels there should be a full-scale inquiry into how £100,000. more than 900 tickets got into the hands of one person." The court heard that Rothwell had been dismissed without warning from Mike Burton Management, of Brunswick Road, Gloucester, last year.

Oldham may bank up to £3

million from their cup ex-

ploits this season. The pain of

FA Cup semi-final defeat by

Manchester United will be

eased by a giant cash injection

Oldham will not confirm

details of income from their

giantkilling Littlewoods and

FA Cup campaigns, but it is

estimated at around £2 mil-

lion from 18 knockout ties

alone, including spin-offs such

as television fees and souvening

Fire suits fail

Anckland - New firefighting

suits that cost over £2 million

to develop appear to have

failed their first big test.

Firemen claim they become

dangerousiy hot

for their bank account.

reporting restrictions were He had worked for a year as lifted at the defence's request, an accountant for Burton's Gloucester magistrates were

ratings to show whether they and may even be requiring

war

compensation.

ALAN Rothwell, who is ac- told Rothwell took hundreds firm, which organizes luxury cused of blackmailing the of the tickets to expose a black trips to leading sporting former British Lion, Mike market racket. events. Holmes said that after Rothwell's dismissal he had

> tickets for the England and Wales match at Twickenham on February 16. He left a blackmail note at the office threatening to release details about the tickets

steal a safe containing 900

to the authorities and media unless Burton paid him Yesterday, Peter Ashby, the

prosecuting solicitor, said the papers in the case were not yet ready for Mr Rothwell to be committed to Gloucester Crown Court for trial. The magistrates agreed to adjourn until May 10 for committal

TOMORROWS

Eight race meetings

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